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ATTN - FBI LABORATORY

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, HARRY MOORE, VICTIM, CR. SUTEL RESULTS LAB  
EXAMINATION.

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*Mr. Papperton*

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*9-R8* *cc Mr. [Signature]*

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Miss Muriel McDowell  
Stern Hall  
University of California  
Berkeley 4, California

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Dear Miss McDowell:

Your letter postmarked January 14, 1952,  
has been received and I appreciate your concern in  
the matter you mention.

I thought you might like to know that  
the FBI is currently conducting an investigation  
in this case. The information developed is being  
made available to Assistant Attorney General James  
M. McInerney, Criminal Division, United States  
Department of Justice, for a determination as to  
whether prosecution may be warranted under exist-  
ing Federal laws.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc - Miami, with copy of incoming.

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Dear J. Edgar Hoover, 7-1

I find it most  
disturbing to read of the  
recent violent acts of  
discrimination in Florida  
such as the killing of Harry  
Y. Moore and the attacks  
on Catholic and Jewish Churches.

It is my hope that  
you will make thorough  
investigation of the situation  
and will take legal  
action in order to protect  
our nation against future

Harry T. Moore

Mr. Hoover  
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occurrences of this kind: Such  
happenings can't help but  
make an impression on the  
world as a whole - and  
it certainly won't demonstrate  
our sincere belief in the  
Christian Tradition and  
the democratic way of  
life.

Sincerely,

Muriel McDowell

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *RWW* SAC, Miami (44-270)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; <sup>①</sup>  
*alt* HARRY T. MOORE - VICTIM  
 HARRIETT MOORE - VICTIM  
 CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: January 24, 1952

*EBI*

Rerep ASAC W. W. BURKE, Jr., Miami, 1-11-52.

There are enclosed herewith revised Pages 89 and 154 of rerep which it is requested be substituted.

**G.I.R.-6**

- HRA:ms  
**Enclosures**  
 cc: Savannah  
 cc: Charlotte  
 cc: Atlanta  
 cc: Birmingham  
 cc: Washington Field  
 cc: New York  
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DIRECTOR, FBI

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ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR A. ROSEN--

UNSUBS., HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR.  
 PHOTOS OF SUSPECTS AND KLAN MEMBERS EXHIBITED TO [REDACTED] AT  
 MIMS, FLA. AND HE STATES PHOTO OF [REDACTED] COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH  
 LARGER OF TWO MEN INQUIRING AT MIMS SUNDRY STORE IN ABOUT AUGUST OF  
 NINETEEN FIFTYONE AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF MOORE. [REDACTED] AKA  
 [REDACTED] MIMS, FLA. FORMER MEMBER OF KLAN AT WINTER GARDEN, FLA. FURNI-  
 SHED NAMES OF ALEX SCHMITT AND R. L. JUDAH WHOM HE BELIEVES TO BE  
 ACTIVE IN TERROIST ACTIVITIES IN WINTER GARDEN AREA. BACKGROUND  
 INVESTIGATION CONTINUING ON THESE TWO SUSPECTS. ADDITIONAL ACQUAINT-  
 ANCES AND ASSOCIATES OF MOORE INTERVIEWED AT MIMS, FLA. BUT NO PERT-  
 INENT INFO DEVELOPED.

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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	<i>[initials]</i>
Mr. Tracy	<i>[initials]</i>
Mr. Laughlin	
Mr. Mohr	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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*4-30 PM EST ADF*

*G.I.R.-6*  
*[Handwritten signature]*

UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR. WALTER GRANT, OPERATOR OF COLORED CAFE, MIMS, FLORIDA ADVISES BELL BAKERY DELIVERY MAN FROM DAYTONA BEACH STATED ON DAY FOLLOWING BOMBING HE HEARD A RUMOR THAT A LONG CORD WAS FOUND AT SCENE OF BOMBING IMMEDIATELY AFTER INCIDENT. CORD SUPPOSEDLY EXTENDED FROM HOUSE TO A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FEET. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BELL BAKERY DELIVERY MAN. BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUING ON ALL SUSPECTS PRIOR TO INTERVIEWS.

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END

ACK PLSE.

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*cc. Mr. Rosen*  
*[initials]*

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ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

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UNSUBS, HARRY MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR. CHPOL  
MAYNARD MANN, WINTER GARDEN, FLA., ADVISES EMORY BRANTLEY, LOCAL BARBER,  
RESPONSIBLE FOR BEATING AND SHOOTING OF R. J. WOODARD, COLORED EMPLOYEE  
WHO STOLE BRANTLEYS PISTOL JUST PRIOR TO THIS INCIDENT ABOUT ONE AND ONE  
HALF YEARS AGO. BACKGROUND INFO BEING DEVELOPED RE BRANTLEY AND HIS  
BROTHER EDGAR, GROCER IN COLORED QUARTERS WINTER GARDEN, ALONG WITH SUS-  
PECTS SCHMITT, JUDAH, DAVIS, AND JOHNSON, LEADING UP TO INTERVIEWS WITH  
THESE SUSPECTS IN NEAR FUTURE. ART JOHNSON, BROTHER OF SUSPECT J. B.  
JOHNSON, MEETS SAME PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SHORT STOCKY UNSUB WEARING  
GLASSES WHO BEAT AND SHOT ARTHUR HENRY HOLLAND NIGHT OF JANUARY TWELVE  
LAST. POSSIBILITY STILL CONSIDERED THAT IF UNSUBS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT  
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN ORANGE COUNTY CAN BE IDENTIFIED, MIGHT RESULT  
IN INFO RE INSTANT CASE.

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INSUB HARRY & HARRIET LOOME, VICTIMS, CR. NOTHING FOUND IN MATTRESS OR  
 FOOD TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCE USED OR METHOD OF  
 IGNITING AN EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCE. METAL PARTICLES DUG FROM TWO PIECES OF  
 FOOD ARE CORRODED PIECES GALVANIZED WIRE RESEMBLING CHICKEN WIRE. PECULIAR  
 PATTERN OF CONCENTRIC RINGS ON ONE PIECE FOOD BELIEVED CAUSED BY BIRD SPRING  
 AS WOOD DRIVEN AGAINST IT BY FORCE OF EXPLOSION. EVIDENCE BEING RETURNED.  
 REK. EUC.

HOOVER

44-4118

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OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: 1/9/52

FROM: SAC, Miami (44-270)

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

*PC-31935*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

AMSD

HARRY T. MOORE; - Victim (deceased)

HARRIET MOORE; - Victim (deceased)

CR

There is being shipped under separate cover via American Railway Express one box containing a portion of one of the mattresses on which the victims were sleeping and 8 pieces of wood containing smoke and other blasting effects. Each piece of wood has been wrapped separately and the portion of the mattress is unwrapped.

It is desired the Laboratory examine the pieces of wood to determine:

1. Any pieces of bronze or copper embedded in the wood to indicate whether or not a blasting cap was used to detonate the unknown explosive charge.
2. Whether the grey foreign substances on one of the pieces of wood can give any indication as to what type of explosive material was used.

It will be observed by the Laboratory that the portion of the mattress contains several breaks in the ticking. The mattress material should be examined to determine whether any particles are contained therein to indicate whether a blasting cap was used and any other foreign material which may be of some light on instant explosion. This portion of the mattress was on the bottom and the part containing the breaks in the ticking was next to the springs and immediately above the blast. For the information of the Laboratory this mattress was considerably walked on by persons around the scene and therefore may contain some contaminated material from the shoes of persons walking on the mattress. Therefore it is believed necessary to examine only the inner portion of the mattress for foreign material.

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All of this matter may be disposed of by the Laboratory

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7007 ANY SPECIMENS REMAINED BY LAF FOR LAB. ACTION AND REPORT 1-15-52

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
HARRY T. MOORE, Victim (deceased)  
HARRIETT MOORE, Victim (deceased)  
CR

File # 44-4118 -118  
Lab. # PG-31935 FA

Examination requested by: SAC, Miami (44-270)

Date of reference communication: Let 1-9-52

Date received: 1-14-52  
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Examination requested: Explosives

Result of Examination:

Examination by:  b6  
b7C

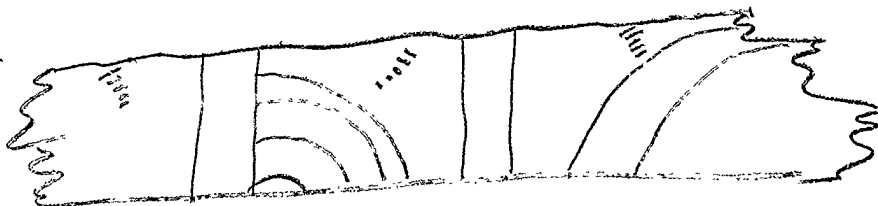
Specimens submitted for examination

*Final White Area  
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Q39 Part of a mattress  
Q40 through Q43 Eight pieces of wood  
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*Re wood mkt Q43 - Peculiar pattern*



*marks are impressions. Each impression is uniformly filled with aluminum paint. Believed made by bed springs when wood forced against springs by force of explosion. Nothing present to indicate type of explosive or method of ignition.*

*Wood RP  
1-23-52  
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Two pieces of wood - fluorescence - Q41 reveals metal particles.  
Q45

Metal fragments in wood are pieces of galvanized wire resembling chicken wire. Very old & corroded & rusty.

Nothing found to suggest explosive substance used.

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FBI, MIAMI 2-5-52 9-12 AM EST RNW/ECE

DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR.  
 FLORIDA POWER COMPANY, WINTER GARDEN, HAS RELEASED NO DYNAMITE TO  
 OUTSIDE SOURCES AND HAS NOT LOST ANY IN RECENT YEARS. COMPANY OFFICIALS  
 KNOW LOCAL SOURCES FROM WHICH DYNAMITE AVAILABLE. GEORGE M. DANFORD,  
 BELL BAKERY DELIVERYMAN, DAYTONA BEACH, IDENTIFIED AS MAN REPORTED BY  
WALTER GRANT AS STATING HE HEARD AT TRUCK STOP IN MIMS THAT LONG CORD  
OBSERVED AT MOORE RESIDENCE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BOMBING. DANFORD  
DENIED MAKING SUCH STATEMENT OR HAVING ANY INFO RE A CORD AT MOORE  
RESIDENCE.

6-Thompson

G.I.R.

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Joe

G.I.R. 1

Harry T Moore

# Ask Natl. Work Stoppage Against Florida Terror

THIS WEEK, in Mims, Florida, in the same white church where her martyred husband's funeral services were held just seven days before, mourners gathered from many states to pay their last respects to Mrs. Harriet Moore and to repeat with added emphasis the vow to continue the militant campaign for Negro rights which has cost their lives.

And as pallbearers were lowering the body of Mrs. Moore into the loamy Florida soil last Tuesday, angry demands increased for the arrest and punishment of the white supremacy assassins who placed the fatal bomb under the Moores' bedroom last Christmas Day. In Attorney General J. Howard McGrath's offices in Washington, where persecution of civil rights fighters heretofore given priority until there was an interruption by graft and tax scandals, a delegation demanded action from the Department in the Florida killings.

McGRATH told the delegation, led by Walter White, NAACP, and including Rep. Adam C. Powell and a Florida NAACP leader Edwin T. Davis, to "put their minds at ease" and repeated his stale formula about "instructions" to "investigate." Reflecting the mass impatience with official stalling on the matter

of protecting Negro life and property in Florida, the NAACP announced that the group planned a formal request to trade unions and other organizations to join in planning a nation-wide protest work stoppage against Florida terror. The call for labor action got immediate response from groups of trade unionists. The union leaders organizing to fight genocide, led by Ben Gold, president of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, announced that they would put the work stoppage call before meetings for indorsement. Ewart Guinier, secretary-treasurer of the United Public Workers, told The Worker his union and the Greater New York Negro Labor Council, of which he is chairman, "stood ready to join with all labor and the Negro people in observing days of mourning, other demonstrative actions, but above all, a work stoppage led by organized labor."

PRESSURE for the arrest and punishment of the Moores assassins was felt also in Florida when delegations from more than 12 states attending Mrs. Moore's funeral

obtained an appointment with Gov. Fuller Warren. Led by the veteran Negro women's leader, and former editor, Mrs. Charlotta Bass the delegates placed vigorous demands for action by the Governor and state officials. (One of Mr. Moore's last act was to write a letter to Gov. Warren asking that the two Groveland "Little Scottsboro" defendants—one of whom was later killed and the other seriously wounded by Sheriff Willis McCall—be placed in the hands of a special officer appointed by the Governor).

District 65, Distributive, Processing and Office Workers Union, pledged its 30,000 members to the fight for justice in Florida and its New York members assembled from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, before the offices of the Department of Justice in 45 Broadway to demand Department action in arresting and prosecuting the murderers of the Moores.

NEW YORK East Side constituents of Rep. Arthur C. Klein drew from him a promise that he would speak out immediately in Congress against the Florida terror and introduce an anti-lynching bill.

In New Jersey a delegation, aroused by the Florida terror and local police brutality practiced against Negroes, visited Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll, demanding that he place the state on record against the atrocities in Florida and move against police brutality in his own state.

In three southern states, where news of what is happening in Florida is scant, the Communist Party issued leaflets informing the people of the Christmas Day bombing and calling on them to act against the white supremacists. In Florida, the Communists asked citizens to "compel the state and various city administrations to get to the root of the matter." They declared pointedly:

"The real root of this violence is the oppression of the Negro people as expressed in the legalized practice of segregation and other forms of discrimination."

Similar sentiments and demands were issued by Communists in Virginia and Alabama.

The officials are still dawdling, but the murderous bomb set off by the white supremacists in Mims, Florida, on Christmas Day has set off a chain reaction of struggle that yet may force some positive action in the interest of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights as applied to Negroes.

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Invoice of Contents from  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date January 23, 1952 Case References

Consigned to: SAO, Wash DC

UNCLASSIFIED;  
HARRY T. MOORE, Victim (Deceased)  
HARRY T. MOORE, Victim (Deceased)  
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February 4, 1952

Mr. William M. Taylor  
164 Montague Street  
Brooklyn 2, New York

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Your letter dated January 30, 1952, enclosing a resolution of the Executive Board of the Bedford Stuyvesant Neighborhood Council, Inc., has been received.

For your information, the Attorney General of the United States has requested the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct an investigation to determine the identity of those responsible for the death of Harry Moore at Mims, Florida, on December 25, 1951. Everything possible is being done by this Bureau to identify the persons responsible for this crime and the results of this investigation will be made available to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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No references in Bureau files which can be identified as pertaining to William M. Taylor or Bedford Stuyvesant Neighborhood Council, Inc. per attached search slip.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (AMSD)  
 Attention: Assistant Director A. ROSEN

FROM : SAC, Miami

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Bombing of Carver Village, Edison Center, Miami, Florida, September 22, 1951, and November 30, 1951  
 CIVIL RIGHTS  
 (MI 44-256)

DATE: January 18, 1952

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE - VICTIM (deceased);  
 HARRIET MOORE - VICTIM (deceased) Miami, Florida  
 CIVIL RIGHTS  
 (MI 44-270)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Dynamite Incident, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Miami, Florida  
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 (MI 44-271)

As requested, there are enclosed memoranda describing the suspects presently under investigation in these cases as well as the lines of investigation presently being pursued.

Enclosures: memoranda re suspects instant cases

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT  
MOORE, VICTIMS - DECEASED  
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(MIAMI FILE 44-270)

I. PRESENT SUSPECTS

At the present time the suspects being considered are as follows:

1. ANDY FORTENBERRY

ANDY FORTENBERRY is still being considered one of the main suspects in instant matter for reasons as were set out in Miami letter to the Director under date of January 6, 1952.

Numerous interviews have been conducted with individual residents of Brevard County who have been interested in the County politics, but who have been more or less connected with the side of DAVE NESBIT who defeated FORTENBERRY in the final election of November, 1950, for his position as County Commissioner. All of the mentioned interviews have resulted in the findings that FORTENBERRY could have well been involved in such an act to further his political power in the County, though there have been no specific allegations that he did in fact do the job or have it done.

INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

Arrangements are presently being made to confidentially follow the activities of FORTENBERRY and it is contemplated that interviews will be conducted with those known individuals who were active in the campaign on the side of FORTENBERRY, and to eventually interview the suspect himself. Time is being taken, however, to study FORTENBERRY's reactions following open contact with those who will in all probability contact him after contact is made with them by Agents.

2. TILLMAN H. BELVIN
3. EARL J. BROOKLYN

BELVIN and BROOKLYN are being considered as suspects as a result of information developed in Mims, Florida, while conducting routine interviews among the colored residents to the effect that two men had made inquiry at the Mims Confectionery Store during the latter part of July or the early part of August, 1951, regarding the whereabouts of HARRY T. MOORE's residence.

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Reasonably complete descriptions were obtained from a colored resident named [redacted]. The description included the information that the larger of the two fellows was wearing cowboy boots and a cowboy hat; the second, a much shorter one, was wearing some kind of a hunters cap. Realizing that the people around the cattle raising part of the state would be most likely to wear this type clothing, contact was made with Informants at Orlando, Florida. Informant, upon being furnished the description, immediately named BELVIN as answering same, and in answer to the second description named BROOKLYN, who constantly wears a baseball cap.

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It has been determined that both of the named individuals are members of the Georgia Klan of KKK in Orlando, Florida; having been at one time expelled for having taken part in militant activity without sanction of the organization. They with four or five other individuals, after expulsion, had been reinstated by the administrative head from Atlanta, Georgia. Both of these individuals, as well as a number of others in the Orlando organization, are known to have very bad reputations and are known to be very anti-Negro. They are excellent suspects as they seem to delight in taking part in such activities, according to the information developed.

#### INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

Interviews are being conducted in Orlando, Florida, for the purpose of developing background information relative to both BELVIN and BROOKLYN. Credit and criminal information is being determined. Arrangements have been made so that both may be confidentially covered with respect to reactions on the part of each. Open interviews with suspects are contemplated in the near future.

#### 4. THE KKK, PARTICULARLY THE ORLANDO, FLORIDA BRANCH OF THE GEORGIA KLAN

This particular organization is being strongly suspicioned in view of the membership of the above-named suspects, and the fact that in and near Orlando, Florida during the past year there have been at least five acts of violence against Negroes. The belief has been expressed by several of those interviewed in the Orlando vicinity that this particular outfit has been responsible for every single one of the incidents.

#### INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

All information possible is being obtained during interviews with regard to BELVIN and BROOKLYN which would eventually connect the complete outfit with the bombing of HARRY MOORE's home. Other investigation consists of contact with informants.



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5. THE NAACP

Suspicion in this direction still exists for the simple reason that the organization has utilized to the Nth degree the publicity for propaganda purposes.

INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

Investigation along this particular line of thought can only be conducted through Informants and interviews. Interviews with members of the NAACP in the State of Florida are being continued.

6. THE COMMUNIST PARTY

In view of the action taken on the part of many organizations, considered by the Attorney General to be subversive, by attending the funerals of Victims HARRY and HARRJETT MOORE in organized bodies, and in one instance the passing of literature among those present, this angle cannot be discounted.

INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

Investigation along this particular line is being continued through contacts with SI Informants.

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REBUTEL JANUARY TWENTY EIGHTH LAST. PHOTOGRAPH IN VARIOUS POSTS OF

EARL BROOKLYN, BELVIN AND FIVE RENEGADES VANISHED FROM ORLANDO

GEORGIA KLAN HAVE BEEN EXHIBITED TO [ ] AND [ ]

[ ] AT MIMS, FLA. HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE JOHN HENRY LEE.

REV. JOHN M. MITCHELL, WHO ACCORDING TO OTHERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO

IDENTIFY SUSPECTS CONTINUES TO DENY SEEING AND TALKING TO THEM.

[ ] SELECTED EARL BROOKLYN-S PHOTO AS INDIVIDUAL MOST NEARLY

RESEMBLING ONE OF PERSONS INQUIRING AS TO MOORE-S WHEREABOUTS.

WHEN PHOTOS OF OTHER SUSPECTS WITH PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION SIMILAR TO

BROOKLYN-S HAVE BEEN OBTAINED, THEY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY EXHIBITED TO

[ ] AND OTHERS. [ ] UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY PHOTOS.

[ ] DID NOT IDENTIFY BELVIN FROM CLEAR PHOTOS AS ONE OF

PERSONS IN QUESTION. ADVISABILITY OF PLACING SUSPECTS AND OTHER

MEMBERS RENEGADE KLAN GROUP UNDER PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE HAS BEEN

CONSIDERED. ALL LIVE IN RURAL AREAS OF COUNTY. AGENTS WORKING AT

SCENE BELIEVE PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCES NOT FEASIBLE AND WOULD JEOPARDIZE

CURRENT INVESTIGATION. INFORMANTS INDICATE CONSIDERABLE UNREST AND

TENSION AMONG KLANS AND MEMBERS DUE TO INSTANT INVESTIGATION.

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MEETING PLACES OF KLAVERNS KNOWN AND CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO POSSIBLE SURVEILLANCE OF THESE PLACES IN FUTURE TO IDENTIFY OTHER MEMBERS WITH ADDITIONAL TESURS HAVE BEEN EFFECTED. IT IS BELIEVED THAT TESURS WITH OPEN INVESTIGATION WILL PROVIDE COVERAGE DESIRED. LOVICK P. HAGEN, AGE SEVENTY TWO, SANFORD, FLA., PAST GRAND DRAGON OF GEORGIA KLAN, LATER SAME POSITION IN FLORIDA KLAN, WHICH WITHDREW CHARTER IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT AND DISBANDED , INTERVIEWED TODAY. STATED HAS NO INFO RE INSTANT CASES. CLAIMS RECORDS OF FLORIDA KLAN DESTROYED. ALSO STATED MOST MEMBERS FLORIDA KLAN WENT INTO REACTIVATED ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA KLANS OR SOUTHERN KNIGHTS IN NINETEEN FORTYNINE.

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*cc: Mr. Rosen*  
*Mr. Donahue*

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INVOLVING CONVERSATION TANNER AND BELVIN.

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INVESTIGATION ORLANDO HAS NOT REVEALED ANY INSTANCE IN ORANGE COUNTY

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[REDACTED] MIGHT REFER EXCEPT INCIDENT INVOLVING USE OF DYNAMITE

AT CREAMETTE IN ORLANDO REFERRED TO IN MY TEL JANUARY TWENTYONE LAST.

HOWEVER TO DATE NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED IMPLICATING BELVIN IN

CREAMETTE INCIDENT. WHEN INTERVIEWED BELVIN ADVISED HE HAS USED

DYNAMITE IN PAST CLEARING HIS PROPERTY OF STUMPS, LAST TIME BEING

OVER A YEAR AGO. CONVERSATION BETWEEN BELVIN AND TANNER MAY HAVE

REFERRED TO LAST TIME BELVIN USED DYNAMITE. AGENTS INQUIRED OF

TANNER AS TO BELVIN-S USE AND POSSESSION OF DYNAMITE. TANNER STATED

TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NO ONE IN THAT AREA HAD BEEN USING DYNAMITE. BELVIN

MAY HAVE BEEN INQUIRING OF TANNER AS TO THE TYPE OF INFORMATION BEING

SOUGHT BY THE AGENTS, WHETHER RELATED TO ORANGE COUNTY OR SOME OTHER

LOCALITY AS BELVIN DID NOT COMPLETE HIS QUESTION BUT WAS INTERRUPTED

BY TANNER STATING QUOTE NO IT WAS BREVARD COUNTY UNQUOTE. INVESTIGATION

REFLECTS THAT J. B. JOHNSON, ORLANDO, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH

ONE OF SEVERAL UNSUBS WHO SHOT TAXI, CAB AND BEAT DRIVER, ARTHUR HENRY

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HOLLAND, COLORED, ON NIGHT OF JANUARY TWELVE LAST AT WINTER GARDEN, FLA. VICTIM HOLLAND-S DESCRIPTION OF ONE OF UNSUBS COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH THAT OF JOHNSON. HOLLAND CLAIMED NEW BLUE HENRY J WAS ONE OF THREE CARS USED BY UNSUBS AND JOHNSON IS OWNER OF NEW BLUE HENRY J. ACQUAINTANCE OF JOHNSON BELIEVES JOHNSON PARTICIPATED IN BEATING HOLLAND AND INVOLVED IN EXPLOSION OF CREAMETTE FROZEN CUSTARD STAND NOVEMBER ONE LAST AT ORLANDO. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND RE JOHNSON AND OTHER SUSPECTS LEADING UP TO INTERVIEWS WITH SUSPECTS. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED BUT REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THE THREE WHITE MEN KNOWN TO HIM WHO BEAT AND SHOT HIM APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO AT WINTER GARDEN, FLA. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT AFTER ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE FOR SAFETY OF HIS PARENTS HE WOULD LATER FURNISH IDENTITY OF THE THREE MEN ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

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UNSUBS, HARRY MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR. FRANCIS E. JACKSON, AKA EDDIE, EXALTED CYCLOPS, ORLANDO KLAN OF ASSOCIATION OF GA. KLANS, INTERVIEWED TODAY, ADMITS KKK MEMBERSHIP PAST FOUR YEARS AND HOLDING ABOVE POSITION SINCE JANUARY ONE, LAST. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOORE BOMBING BUT ADMITS THAT MOORE-S NAME WAS MENTIONED IN DISCUSSION OR IN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE READ AT KLAN MEETING. EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT NO MEMBER OF ORLANDO KLAN PERPETRATED MOORE BOMBING BUT ADMITS IT IS POSSIBLE THIS COULD BE DONE BY KLAN MEMBERS WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE. JACKSON DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN ORLANDO OR ORANGE COUNTY.

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SAC, Miami (44-270)

January 23, 1952

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For your information, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter addressed to the Bureau dated January 2, 1952, from Walter White, Executive Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York City, and the enclosures mentioned therein.

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Mr. Walter White  
Executive Secretary  
National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People  
20 West 40th Street  
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. White:

Your letter dated January 2, 1952,  
with an enclosure has been received.

Your interest in referring a copy  
of this press release to me and your cooperation  
with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in  
this matter are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: A copy of Mr. White's letter and a copy of the  
enclosed press release is being furnished to Miami for  
its information.

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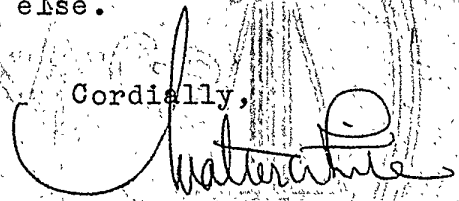
January 2, 1952

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed syndicated column I wrote about the Mims, Florida bombing and the job the F. B. I is doing.

At their request, I arranged for Messrs. Webb Burke and Frank Meech to talk with Mrs. Moore, despite the fact that her condition was still quite critical. I also turned over to them the material which I had gathered, believing that they would do a better job than anyone else.

Cordially,



Walter White  
Executive Secretary

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These are samples of the unpunished crimes against Negroes in Florida now highlighted by the assassination of Harry Moore and by the spreading of mob violence against Jews, Catholics and others.

To Florida's credit are the vigor and courage of most of its newspapers, especially in the metropolitan areas, in exposing the breakdown of law and order. Many citizens of the state, Negro and white, are shocked and aroused. Hotel men, proprietors of tourist resorts and Chambers of Commerce are awakening to the fact that millions of dollars may be lost by the unsavory developments here. Already an alarming number of cancellations of reservations for the winter tourist season have been reported. It is possible that this combination of moral indignation and economic interest may result in action. If the energy and determination of the F. B. I. can be approximated by Florida law enforcement officials, there is hope that Harry Moore's tragic and violent death may diminish if not put an end to the violence which has become an epidemic here.

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FROM: Walter White  
242 East 68th Street  
New York, N.Y.

For release to subscribing newspapers,  
Thursday, January 3, 1952

MIMS, FLORIDA

It may be that the background of the lush, natural beauty of blue lakes and sky, of orange trees so studded with golden fruit as almost to obliterate the green foliage and of "Millionaires' Row" in Winter Park makes the bombed home here of Harry T. Moore more incongruous and shocking than the destruction I witnessed during the war in Europe and Asia. For here is the shambles of the modest dwelling place of a man, now dead, and his wife, now lying critically wounded in nearby Sanford, because he had dared to speak out and work for enforcement of the law.

Today I turned over to the F. B. I. the names of three persons who allegedly have recently advocated mob action against Mr. Moore. They are not the only ones who have voiced resentment against him. Repeatedly since August, 1949, he had written to Gov. Fuller E. Warren urging him to assign trustworthy persons from the Governor's office instead of Sheriff Willis McCall of Lake County to transport Samuel Shepherd and Walter Irvin from the state prison at Raiford to Tavares, Lake County county seat, for a hearing on a motion for a change of venue in the new trial which had been ordered by the U. S. Supreme Court.

The entire world knows what happened because of Gov. Warren's refusal to act as was requested by Mr. Moore. Samuel Shepherd is dead and Walter Irvin recovering from three bullet wounds inflicted by McCall on a backroad near Eustis. McCall, backed by J. J. Elliott, Gov. Warren's personal representative, asserts that he fired in "self-defense," although neither man denies that the two prisoners were handcuffed together at the time of the shooting.

Following the 1944 decision of the U.S. Supreme Court against the barring of qualified Negro voters from so-called "white Democratic primaries," the number of registered Negro voters in Florida, as in other Southern states, has measurably increased. Today it is estimated to number close to one hundred thousand voters in Florida--a bloc large enough to hold the balance of power in local and state elections. Many Floridians have taken this development in stride as a desirable step forward towards ending the evil of disfranchisement. But there are some who resent this or any other manifestation of Negro progress. Much of the growth of Negro participation in Florida political affairs is properly attributed to the patient work of Harry Moore.

It was for these and other activities that Harry Moore lies dead today. It is impossible to describe adequately the effect of the tragic

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blast of either nitroglycerine or TNT. Explosives experts are convinced that dynamite could not have done such destruction. They are also convinced that the crime was painstakingly planned, timed for the only period of the year when the entire family would be gathered together. Mr. Moore traveled constantly for the NAACP. Mrs. Moore is a teacher in a rural school near Palm Beach. Both she and Mr. Moore were denied renewal of their contracts as teachers in Brevard County because of hostility of the school officials to Mr. Moore's participation in a legal campaign against educational inequalities inflicted on Negroes. One of the Moore daughters is a secretary in the Department of Labor in Washington and the other is a secretary in the public school system of Ocala. The bombers waited until the entire family gathered to spend Christmas--birthday of the Prince of Peace--together. So shattered is the modest cottage that <sup>no</sup> one knows why one of the Moore daughters and Mr. Moore's 71-year-old mother, who slept in an adjoining room, were not also killed. It is obvious that the criminals intended to wipe out the entire family.

Gov. Fuller Warren, irritated by criticisms of the failure of the State of Florida to act against bombings here and in Miami, has issued daily blasts at this commentator as "a disturber of the peaceful relations between the races." How peaceful those relations have been are best mirrored in a front-page story in the December 29 issue of the Miami Herald. Here is a part of the background of terrorism which preceded the assassination of Harry Moore. Last March 31 Melvin Womack, an orange grove worker, was taken from his home in Oakland by four white men late at night. The following morning he was found beaten and shot to death. No arrests have yet been made.

Last February 6 Luther Coleman, Negro janitor at the Winter Garden elementary school, was beaten unmercifully by several white men in the heart of downtown Winter Garden. No arrests of his assailants have yet been made.

In November, 1950 Jimmie Woodards, in his late teens, was shot by white men five times but miraculously recovered.

During Easter of 1950 William Vincent, 50-year-old Negro, was abducted by three white men, beaten unmercifully and later found with a fractured skull. All of these crimes occurred in Orange County. In September, 1951 an 11-year-old colored girl was brutally raped by three white men at Bunnell, Fla. The attackers have not yet been brought to trial.

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIET MOORE - VICTIMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Rev. J. H. BLOCKER, Gulf Hammock, Fla., ISIAH THOMAS, 1048 E. 10th St., Panama City, Fla., and SOLOMON BROOKINS, 620 N. "H" St., Pensacola, Fla., unable to furnish information of value to solution of instant case. 7-1

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**DETAILS:**

AT GULF HAMMOCK, FLORIDA:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents HOMER E. DUNLAP and GEORGE A. ARNETT:

Reverend J. H. BLOCKER, member of the Board of Directors of the Progressive Voters League of Florida and who is pastor of the Methodist Church in Gulf Hammock, stated he first knew HARRY T. MOORE in connection with the NAACP about 1945 and was later associated with him in the Progressive Voters League of Florida about 1948. He stated he was not a close friend of MOORE and did not know HARRIET MOORE. He gave the following answers to the questions propounded in letter dated January 16, 1952 from the Miami Office to Mobile:

1. He was associated with HARRY T. MOORE in organizations only and was not acquainted with his wife.
2. He was not a close friend of MOORE.

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3. He does not know MOORE's closest friends.
4. The general reputation of HARRY T. MOORE in the NAACP was good.
5. He does not know of any threats made against HARRY T. MOORE.
6. He does not know of any enemies MOORE might have had.
7. He has no information that might have any bearing on the case.

AT PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA.

The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent TULLIS D. EASTERLING:

The telephone and city directories did not reflect that anyone by the name of SAIAH THOMAS resides in Panama City, however, a Negro by the name of ISIAH THOMAS, 1048 East Tenth Street, advises that he is the Branch Secretary of the NAACP at Panama City and that he has never been advised that he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc., but stated that he could be on the Board but did not have any official notice of same. He advised that he was a very close friend and knew the victims in this case. He advised that he met HARRY T. MOORE and his wife in 1944 at Ocala, Florida at the time of the annual convention of the Florida NAACP branch. He stated that since that time both the victims have visited in his home. He stated that he knew MOORE only as the Executive Secretary of a state organization of the NAACP and the duties of MOORE, as far as he knew, were to visit with each branch office and section office and endeavor to advise and help in their constant recruiting program.

He said he did not know any of the close friends of the victims. As to the general reputation of the victims, he stated that he had always found them to be honest, trustworthy and respectable in every respect and that he believed them to be honorable and outstanding members of the colored race. He said that he did not know of a single enemy the victims might have had and he has never heard of any threat or anything else to indicate that anybody would ever desire to do them bodily harm.

He further advised that he would be very happy

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to furnish any information of such a nature that may come into his possession in the future to the FBI.

AT PENSACOLA, FLORIDA.

The following investigation was conducted by the reporting Agent:

SOLOMON BROOKINS, Manager of Attucks and Morris Courts, colored housing projects, Pensacola, residence 620 N. "H" Street, advised he first became acquainted with HARRY T. MOORE and his wife, HARRIET, about 1943 or 1944, when they came to Pensacola to attend a branch meeting of the NAACP. BROOKINS said he was made a Director of the Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc., in which he has been very inactive. He also advised that he has never attended a meeting of that organization other than at Pensacola and has never known HARRY T. MOORE except the few times he has met him in the NAACP and Progressive Voters League work and by occasional correspondence. He further advised that he saw MOORE an average of about once every two years and only saw him when he made trips to Pensacola about four times in the seven years he has been acquainted with MOORE.

BROOKINS further advised that he only knew MOORE professionally and had no personal contact with him, and only knew his wife, HARRIET, casually as having been introduced to her.

He also advised that his relationships with MOORE were so infrequent that they hardly knew each other when they met. He said he did not attend a meeting of the NAACP at Daytona Beach or any other place.

He further advised that he does not know who MOORE's closest friends are. He further advised he does not know of MOORE's statewide reputation in the NAACP but considers he had a very good reputation in NAACP circles in the Pensacola area and has only heard people say good things about MOORE. He also said that he does not know of any threats which might have been made against MOORE except that MOORE had repeatedly mentioned in meetings that he had met with a general antagonistic attitude in communities in the Groveland area for his work on behalf of the defendants in the Groveland case.

BROOKINS advised that he does not know of any



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enemies MOORE had but he will inquire about the matter among members of the NAACP and Progressive Voters League, and will be most anxious to furnish any help to the FBI which may result in solution of this case.

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REFERENCE: Miami letter to Mobile 1/16/52.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 15, 1952

*J.H. Webb*

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (44-85)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
HARRY T. MOORE - VICTIM  
HARRIETT MOORE (Deceased) - VICTIM  
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Rerep ASAC W. W. BURKE, JR., Miami, 1/11/52, and Butel, 1/8/52.

In view of instructions in rebutel, the leads set forth in rerep will not be covered at this time and the matter is considered RUC'D.

*am*

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cc: Miami (44-270)

*This refers to interview of am. Radloff*

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Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Laughlin	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
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Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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[REDACTED] OF NOW DEFUNCT

FLORIDA KLAN INTERVIEWED AT ORLANDO. ADVISES OFFICIALS AT TIME HE WAS SECRETARY HAD CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN HOLDING PRESENT SUSPECTS, BEING INVESTIGATED, IN LINE. BASED ON HIS OWN SUSPICION AND KNOWLEDGE OF CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, HE BELIEVES PRESENT SUSPECTS ARE THE TYPE WHO WOULD BE ENGAGED IN ALL THE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN THE ORLANDO AREA IN RECENT YEARS AND IF SOME ONE IN THE ORLANDO AREA GUILTY OF THE MOORE BOMBING, THEY WOULD BE THE MOST LOGICAL SUSPECTS.

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HE NAMED EARL AND EDGAR BROOKLYN, [REDACTED] A. F. SCHMITT,

[REDACTED], T. H. BELVIN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS THOSE WHO WERE THE MOST RADICAL IN THEIR THINKING AND ACTIONS. HE ALSO NAMED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS INDIVIDUALS LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES WITH THE ABOVE. SAID BELVIN WAS RING LEADER SEVERAL YEARS

AGG BUT BELIEVES HE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY INACTIVE PAST THREE OR FOUR YEARS DUE TO HEALTH. HE SUSPICIONED EARL BROOKLYN AS BEING INVOLVED

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ALL TERRORIST ACTIVITIES FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS. OFFICIALS OF FLORIDA  
LAN DISSOLVED SAME TO AVOIDKBEING ACCUSED OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES  
REALLY BEING COMMITTED BY RADICAL ELEMENTS SUCH AS ABOVE.

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*McCl M Rosen*

DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-34)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Bombings of Carver Village,  
Edison Center, Miami, Florida  
September 22, 1951, and November  
30, 1951  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(MM 44-256)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Bombings of Jewish Temples,  
Schools and Centers, Miami,  
Florida  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(MM 44-264)

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*Mr/Mrs*

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
HARRY T. MOORE - VICTIM (deceased)  
HARRIETT MOORE - VICTIM (deceased)  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(MM 44-270)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Dynamite Incident, Sts. Peter  
and Paul Catholic Church  
Miami, Florida  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(MM 44-271)

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Re Miami letter to Bureau dated 1-11-52, requesting contact with informants in the Ku Klux Klan for any pertinent information they might have with regard to possible suspects.

Security Informant [redacted] who is familiar with Klan activities in the Knoxville Division was contacted, and he advised that he had no information regarding possible suspects in connection with captioned matter.

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Miss Gandy	_____

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ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

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**G.I.R.O.**

           REFERRED TO IN PREVIOUS TELETYPES AND REPORTS AS THE  
ASSOCIATE OF SUSPECTS AND ONE WHO IN THE PAST ENGAGED IN TERRORIST  
ACTIVITIES INTERVIEWED TODAY REFUSED TO COOPERATE OR DISCUSS ANY  
KLAN ACTIVITIES OR MEMBERS. STANDING ON KLAN OATH WHICH HE CLAIMS  
PREVENTED HIM FROM TALKING ADVISED HE KNEW BROOKLYN AND BELVIN VERY  
WELL BUT REFUSED TO DISCUSS ANY OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

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ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR.

A. FORTENBERRY, COCOA, FLA. INTERVIEWED. HE STATES HE NEVER KNEW MOORE BUT HAD HEARD MOORE WAS ONE OF LEADERS OF COLORED PEOPLE IN MIMS, FLA. AREA. HE ALSO STATED HE HAD HEARD RUMOR MOORE WAS ONE OF NEGRO LEADERS WHO INFLUENCED NEGROES TO VOTE FOR FORTENBERRY-S OPPONENT WHO WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ELECTION. HE STATES ATTRIBUTED HIS POLITICAL DEFEAT TO WHITE-POLITICAL OPPONENT WHO QUOTE STOOPED SO LOW AS TO SOLICIT NEGRO VOTES UNQUOTE. FORTENBERRY NEVER KNEW OR HEARD OF ANY THREATS MADE AGAINST MOORE AND HAS NO INFO AS TO IDENTITY OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR BOMBING MOORE RESIDENCE. INVESTIGATION AT WINTER GARDEN, FLA., CONTINUING.

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INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Miami Field Division

February 9, 1952 (Date)

Title and Character of Case UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE VICTIMS

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Field Division File Number 44-270

Bureau File Number

Description of Property Being Held

- 1. 3 quarts soil and debris
- 2. Bed sheet
- 3. Debris from immediate area of blast.
- 4. Articles of clothing.
- 5. 2 Plaster casts of footprint
- 6. Miscellaneous papers of H. T. MOORE
- 7. Pieces of glass and rubber gasket found in debris.
- 8. Pieces of glass taken from scene and a cork (continued)

Date Property Acquired and Authority for Acquisition

December 27, 1951

December 30, 1951

January 1, 1952

Source from Which Property Acquired

Search of blast area

Location of Property

Bulky Exhibit Cabinet - Miami

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Which Have Been Made to Dispose of It

Evidence and investigative aids.

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(Description of Property Being Held) Cont'd.

9. Dust from window sill in bedroom
10. One piece of rope.
11. One piece of glass tubing.
12. One metal clip.
13. Rubber washer
14. Small spring
15. Portion of mattress
16. Eight (8) pieces of wood containing smoke and other blasting effects.

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS HARRY T. MOORE; HARRIETT MOORE - VICTIMS (Deceased)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

THOMAS HUMBERT BELVIN advised that he and his family spent 12-25-51, at home. BELVIN stated as well as he could remember he, his brother, JAY, and his father, went hunting during the afternoon, and that evening the entire family went to the apartment of his brother-in-law, ROBERT H. BAGNALL, Orlando, Fla. At 8:25 p.m., the entire family went to the stock car races with the exception of his father, who returned home. The family returned home from the races at 12:30 a.m., 12/26/51. BELVIN advises that he has known his father to be a Klan member since 1936, but was unable to furnish any information re his Klan activities. Atlanta Confidential Informants unable to furnish any information as to instant bombing.

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**DETAILS: AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

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THOMAS HUMBERT BELVIN was interviewed at the YMCA, Luckie Street, and advised that he and his family got up about ten a.m., December 25, 1951, had breakfast, and opened their presents. He related that his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT H. BAGNALL, Orlando, Florida, came to their home shortly after breakfast, and the entire family, consisting of

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himself, his brother, JAY EDWARD BELVIN, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. TILMAN HOLLY BELVIN, and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT H. BAGNALL, sat around the house talking until they had dinner about noon. He stated that following the dinner he, his brother, JAY, and his brother-in-law, ROBERT H. BAGNALL, saddled their horses and rode until about 2:30 p.m., at which time JAY hit a telephone post and hurt his leg. He stated his father didn't ride at this time because of a back injury, but stood by the house watching them ride.

THOMAS BELVIN related that between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., ROBERT COWART, who lives a quarter of a mile West toward Orlando from his parents home, came to see his father. He related that COWART had been under a great mental strain, and he heard COWART tell his father something about a dream he had had wherein his infant daughter had been taken from him. BELVIN stated he did not hear the balance of the conversation.

THOMAS BELVIN related that when JAY hurt his leg they all returned to the house, and his father inquired if they wanted to go hunting. He stated that BAGNALL did not care to go hunting, and remained at the house, and he, his father and his brother, JAY, rode the horses to Mr. GILMORE's pasture at Chuluota, Florida, returning home about five forty-five p.m., at which time they unsaddled the horses, and he and his brother JAY went into the house to clean up; and his father groomed the horses. He stated that on returning to the house they found his brother-in-law, ROBERT H. BAGNALL, mother, and sister, at the house. BELVIN related that the entire family ate supper about 6:30 p.m., following which they drove into Orlando, Florida, to his brother-in-law's home, 604 McKee Street, Apartment #3, in two automobiles, his parents car, and BAGNALL's car.

BELVIN related that BAGNALL wanted to go to the Sunshine Racing Track on the Orange Blossom Trail to see the stock car races, and at approximately 8:25 p.m., the entire family, with the exception of his father, went to the race track, arriving there at 8:45 p.m. He stated his father was tired, and returned home. BELVIN advised that they stayed at the race track until about 10:45 p.m., and then drove around the residential section of Orlando, looking at the Christmas lights until about midnight; that his brother-in-law then drove them

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to his parents home, arriving there at about 12:30 a.m. He stated they were all hungry, and his mother prepared something for them to eat; and his father, who had already retired, got up and joined them. BELVIN stated that about 1:30 a.m., December 26, 1951, his sister and brother-in-law departed, and then the family all retired.

At this point, BELVIN stated that part of his story was a fabrication. When questioned as to what he meant, BELVIN stated that he thought this questioning was in regard to his application for employment with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that he thought he was supposed to relate the events of Christmas day, and, subsequently, on interview furnished as near the same information as possible as a memory test.

When questioned as to which portion of the information was a fabrication, BELVIN stated that the information furnished by him was all true except two items. One, that he was not sure that his brother JAY hurt his leg by running into a telephone post on December 25, 1951, and secondly, he did not believe that he, his brother, and his father went hunting on December 25, 1951. He advised that actually following dinner at noon, he, JAY, and his brother-in-law BAGNALL rode horseback until four p.m. at which time they rejoined the family, and sat around the house talking until six p.m., at which time they had supper, and left the house at approximately 6:30 p.m., driving to his brother-in-law's apartment in Orlando, Florida, arriving there shortly after seven p.m. He stated that the family sat around his brother-in-law's apartment until 8:25 p.m., at which time all of them went to the stock car races on the Orange Blossom Trail, with the exception of his father, who stated that he was tired, and returned home.

BELVIN stated that insofar as he knew his father went directly home, and was asleep when the rest of the family arrived at 12:30 a.m. He related that if his father had any visitors after arriving home that he did not mention it. BELVIN stated that on December 25, 1951, his family received only two telephone calls during the day which were from Mrs. WILL TANNER and Mrs. JOHN BARRINGTON, both calling to wish them the season's greetings. He related that his father made one telephone call to wish someone a merry Christmas, but he did not know who this was.

BELVIN stated, to his knowledge, his father has been a member of the

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Ku Klux Klan since 1936, at which time a Mr. FRED BASS was head of the Klan in Orlando, Florida. He stated he did not know of any official position his father ever held in the Klan, and he knew of none of his father's associates in the Klan. He related that the only way he knew his father to be a Klan member was that when he would leave home his mother would tell them that his father had gone to a lodge meeting, and then the Klan would drift into the conversation, and he knew his father was a member of the Klan.

BELVIN stated that he, himself, had never attended any Klan meetings, and knew nothing of his father's activities in the Klan, other than attendance at meetings. He further stated that he did not know whether his father had taken part in any Klan parades that he had witnessed, as the Klansmen were always hooded on these occasions.

Atlanta Confidential Informants T-1, T-2, and T-3, of known reliability, all advised they had no information as to the individuals responsible for instant bombing.

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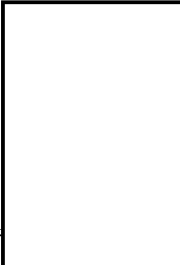
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THOMAS HUMBERT BELVIN, care of YMCA, telephonically contacted the Atlanta office January 17, 1952, requesting an application for employment, which he filled out and returned. He was interviewed January 28, 1952, and at this time took the examination for Special Agent Employee. By Atlanta letter to Bureau dated January 30, 1952, BELVIN was unfavorably recommended.

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Confidential Informant T-1 -  whose identity is known to the Bureau.

Confidential Informant T-2 -  whose identity is known to the Bureau.

Confidential Informant T-3 -  whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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REFERENCE

Miami letter to Atlanta, 1/21/52.

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UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS DECEASED, CR. b6  
 BRIDGETENDER, BANANA RIVER, COCOA, FLORIDA, CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED THAT ONE JOHNSON AND HIS BROTHER OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA, OPERATING ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE BUSINESS AND UNDOUBTEDLY IDENTICAL WITH SUSPECT J. B. JOHNSON AND SUSPECT-S BROTHER ART JOHNSON, WERE ARRESTED JULY PAST FOR BEATING UP TWO WHITE BOYS BETWEEN COCOA AND TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA. LATER DURING SUMMER JOHNSON AND BROTHER, WHILE INQUIRING OF  AS TO AN ATTORNEY, ASKED  IF  INTERESTED IN JOINING KKK AS JOHNSON INTENDED ORGANIZING A KALVERN IN COCOA.  DECLINED WHEREUPON JOHNSON STATED THAT NEGROES WERE GETTING OUT OF HAND, THAT QUOTE A BIGGETY S.O.B. AT MINS, HARRY MOORE WAS GETTING OUT OF HAND AND SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE UNQUOTE. JOHNSON MENTIONED TO  THAT MOORE HAD MADE SOME STATEMENTS ABOUT THE GROVELAND RAPE CASE. INVESTIGATION RE JOHNSON AND OTHER SUSPECTS CONTINUING. b7C

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Director, FBI

UNSUBS HARRY T. MOORE, ET AL.  
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For your information, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter addressed to the Bureau dated January 2, 1952, from Walter White, Executive Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York City, and the enclosures mentioned therein.

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Reurtel 1-30-52, indicating that you had received information to the effect that Sheriff Dave Starr, Orange County, Florida, has advised several Ku Klux Klan members not to talk to the FBI and not even to give their names to Agents. It is desired that you furnish the Bureau with full details in regard to this information, who furnished the information, and the estimated reliability thereof. You should also advise whether any of your investigation in this case substantiates these allegations.

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You should also advise the Bureau as to the past relationship existing between Starr and your office and your recommendations concerning the Bureau's future relationship with Starr.

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NOTE: A review of the Bureau indices reflects that Starr is a KKK member, that he has written to the Bureau highly praising Agents in connection with a speech given at a local group and also in connection with a police training school given by the Bureau on 9/17 - 20/51 inclusive, and that by letter dated 7/6/51, he requested an autographed picture of the Director, at which time he praised the work of the Director and the Bureau and offered any assistance possible.

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ADVISED THAT BECAUSE OF INSTANT INVESTIGATION OF KLAN ACTIVITIES IN

REGARD TO THIS CASE AND INQUIRIES INTO OTHER TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN

ORANGE COUNTY, SHERIFF DAVE STARR, ORANGE COUNTY, HAS ADVISED SEVERAL

KLAN MEMBERS NOT TO TALK TO FBI AND NOT EVEN GIVE THEIR NAMES TO AGENTS.

INFORMANTS STATES FURTHER THAT SHERIFF IS APPARENTLY WORRIED ABOUT FBI

INVESTIGATION INTO KLAN ACTIVITIES BUT AGENTS WORKING THIS CASE HAVE

DONE OR SAID NOTHING TO INDICATE SHERIFF IMPLICATED IN THEIR INVESTIG-

ATION. INTERVIEWS OF KLAN MEMBERS WINTER GARDEN AREA CONTINUING. NO

PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE.

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ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

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UNSUBS, HARRY MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CHARLES EDWARD TOWNSEND. A WHITE RESIDENT OF WINTER GARDEN, FLA. MARRIED TO NIECE OF ALEC SCHMITT, PRESENT EC OF WINTER GARDEN KLAN, RECEIVED BEATING AT SAME LOCALE AS OTHER TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BY THREE WHITE MEN IN JULY OR AUGUST, FIFTYONE. SINCE SEPARATED FROM WIFE WHO TELLS HIM THAT BEATING ARRANGED BY UNCLE. W. H. BROUGH, GRAND DRAGON, AGK, REINTERVIEWED. WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE EXHIBITED BY INFO FURNISHED IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC INQUIRY AND THE FURNISHING OF SECRET KLAN OATH TO BE USED IN QUESTIONING KNOWN KLANSMEN. STATES DEFINITELY AND POSTIVELY SURE THAT PERPETRATORS OF INSTANT BOMBING UNKNOWN TO HIM, BUT IF KLANSMEN PRESENTLY IN GOOD STANDING OR FORMER MEMBERS INVOLVED, THEY MUST BE EXPOSED AND PROSECUTED TO THE UNTIMATE ADVANTAGE OF THE KLAN.

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UNSUBS, HARRY MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, DECEASED, VICTIMS. CR. TILLMAN H. BELVIN REINTERVIEWED. EMPHATICALLY DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OR PARTICIPATION IN MOORE CASE. INDICATES DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH AGENTS. REITERATED FACT THAT HE HAD DIFFICULTY CONTROLLING EARL BROOKLYN AND

[REDACTED] WHEN HE, BELVIN, WAS EXHAULTED CYCLOPS. FURNISHED IN ADDITIC

NAMES OF [REDACTED] ALEC SCHMITT, AND ROBERT JUDAH AS TYPE WHO WOULD PERPETRATE INSTANT CRIME. ALL FIVE PRESENTLY ACTIVE IN WINTER GARDEN GEORGIA KLAN WITH SCHMITT BEING EXHAULTED CYCLOPS. BELVIN

VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT ON FEBRUARY FIVE, LAST, A PERSON WELL KNOWN TO HIM, BUT WHOSE NAME HE COULD NOT RECALL, TOLD HIM THAT W. H. BROUGH,

GRAND DRAGON, RELM OF GEORGIA KLANS WANTED TO SEE BROOKLYN, BELVIN AND TWO OTHERS WHOSE NAMES HE COULD NOT RECALL TO ASCERTAIN QUOTE EXACTLY

WHAT THESE PERSONS TOLD THE FBI UNQUOTE. AS PREVIOUSLY MANTIONED, BROUGH CONTACTED TWICE AND OSTENSIBLY INDICATED DESIRE TO COOPERATE

WITH BUREAU ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. AT INSTIGATION OF AGENTS, BELVIN TELEPHONED BROUGH WHO DISCLAIMED BEING ORIGIN OF ABOVE MESSAGE. BROUGH

ADMITTED SEEING SOME KLAN MEMBERS RECENTLY IN ORLANDO.

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TO : Director, FBI (44-4118) (AMSD)  
 Attention: Assistant Director A. ROSEN  
 FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)  
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE,  
 HARRIETT MOORE - VICTIMS, (deceased)  
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DATE: February 11, 1952

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The following is a summary and correlation of the pertinent points of this investigation, which has been and is being conducted, in order to assist the Bureau in evaluating the information developed and to show the definite pattern, scope and objective of this investigation.

Investigation to date has developed there were two white men inquiring of the residence and whereabouts of HARRY T. MOORE at Mims, Florida, in late August, 1951. [redacted] an informant in Apopka, Florida, stated that EARL J. BROOKLYN and TILMAN H. BELVIN are active Klansmen who compared favorably with the descriptions of these two unknown individuals. This informant also advised that about one and one-half years ago suspects BROOKLYN and BELVIN attended a Klan meeting in Apopka. After the meeting BROOKLYN called informant aside and asked him for assistance "to do a number of jobs". At this point BROOKLYN mentioned HARRY MOORE and exhibited to him a rough sketch of the floor plans of MOORE's residence at Mims, Florida. Informant, questioned intensively on several occasions on this point, maintains that BROOKLYN came to the meeting and he believes with the purpose of soliciting help but nothing was said in the open meeting of the Klavern. No direct statement was made by BROOKLYN about action to be taken against MOORE but informant gathered the impression MOORE was to be given a whipping. Nothing more was said and the informant made no comment and offered no assistance. No other persons were present at the time and to the informant's knowledge the sketch was not exhibited to anyone else. Informant stated it was possible BROOKLYN approached L. H. SHEPHERD, Exalted Cyclops of the Apopka Klan at that time. When SHEPHERD was interviewed by Agents he recalled BELVIN and BROOKLYN attending this meeting but did not recall having seen any sketch of floor plans of MOORE's residence or any discussion of MOORE at that meeting.

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Photographs of EARL J. BROOKLYN, together with a number of photographs of known renegade Klansmen from the Orlando area, were exhibited to witnesses at Mims, Florida. [redacted] selected from this group of photographs a photograph of EARL J. BROOKLYN as the person most nearly resembling one of the two white men inquiring about HARRY T. MOORE.

At such time in instant investigation as is feasible and under circumstances wherein [redacted] will not be placed in jeopardy, consideration will be given to having suspect BROOKLYN placed under personal observation which may result in a positive identification of BROOKLYN as one of the two unknown white men.

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It is to be noted that none of the witnesses at Mims made any identification whatsoever of the photographs of suspect TILMAN H. BELVIN.

Interviews at BROOKLYN's place of employment and in the neighborhood in which he resides disclosed little information about his outside activities except that it is known he does considerable "hunting" at night. His daughter, DOROTHY BROOKLYN, advised that for many years BROOKLYN was in the habit of remaining away from home all hours of the night almost every night of the week without disclosing his activities or whereabouts to his family. Inasmuch as BROOKLYN was identified as a known and active Klansman investigation was conducted to develop background information concerning general Klan activities in the Orlando area so that the identity of his associates who might also have been involved in the plot in instant case might be ascertained.

Investigation has disclosed that the Ku Klux Klan is very active in Orange County (Orlando area), Florida, with one Klan of the Association of Georgia Klans and one of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Orlando; one of the Association of Georgia Klans and one of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Apopka and one of the Association of Georgia Klans in Winter Garden. Geographically, Apopka is twelve miles from Orlando and covers the area immediately adjacent to Lake County. The Association of Georgia Klans in Winter Garden, which is approximately eight miles south of Apopka, covers an area in west Orange County also immediately adjacent to Lake County.

Victim HARRY T. MOORE is known to have been very active in NAACP work in Lake County, occasioned by the Groveland Rape Case, the riots and the burnings which resulted and the recent killing of SAMUEL SHEPHERD and shooting of WALTER LEE IRVIN by Lake County Sheriff WILLIS V. McCALL. Thus a motive existed for certain Klansmen in the Orlando area to be vitally interested in HARRY T. MOORE. It is known that newspaper clippings mentioning MOORE and his activities were read and/or discussed at Klan meetings in Orlando.

Suspect EARL J. BROOKLYN transferred from the Orlando Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans to the Winter Garden Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans approximately in the summer of 1951. It is believed that the associates of BROOKLYN who might have knowledge or who might have been involved in the plot to kill HARRY T. MOORE would most likely be located in the Winter Garden Klan of the Association of Georgia Klans. Therefore, intensive investigation is being conducted to ascertain the identity

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of these associates of BROOKLYN and to develop as much background information as possible concerning their knowledge of or activities in the plot against MOORE's life and to obtain detailed information regarding BROOKLYN's activities.

As has been reported, investigation discloses that Winter Garden has been the "hotbed" of violent Klan activities; that both colored and white people have been terrorized, beaten, shot and killed in the past few years. According to Confidential Informant [redacted] and other sources, EARL W. BROOKLYN, ALFONSO F. SCHMITT, ROBERT L. JUDAH, JAMES B. JOHNSON and [redacted] are individuals who were involved in most of the acts of violence committed on both white and colored in the vicinity of Winter Garden. Investigation has shown that in addition to these named individuals, [redacted]

[redacted] are close associates of the individuals named by the informant and are believed to have taken part in plotting acts of violence with these individuals. It is known that SCHMITT is presently the Exalted Cyclops of the Winter Garden Klan of the Association of Georgia Klans. Confidential Informant [redacted] states ROBERT L. JUDAH and ALFONSO F. SCHMITT also fit the descriptions of the two individuals who were mentioned as inquiring of HARRY T. MOORE in late August, 1951 at Mims, Florida. Photographs of SCHMITT and JUDAH will be exhibited to witnesses at Mims later.

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On Saturday, January 12, 1952, a colored taxi driver, ARTHUR HENRY HOLLAND, while driving his taxi cab was shot, stopped and beaten. HOLLAND described one of the automobiles involved as a new blue Henry J and furnished a physical description of the individual who pulled him from his taxi when he was stopped. This description fits JAMES B. JOHNSON of Orlando who owns a new blue Henry J.

Investigation has developed that in approximately August, 1951 JOHNSON tried to recruit [redacted] Cocoa, Florida, who requested his identity remain confidential, into the Klan and told [redacted] at that time that some action was necessary against negroes since some of them were "getting out of hand". JOHNSON specifically mentioned HARRY T. MOORE of Mims as one of those who was getting out of hand, mentioned that MOORE had made some statements about the Groveland Rape Case and indicated that MOORE, "a biggety s--o--b--" would be "taken care of".

[redacted] has a very unsavory reputation in Winter Garden and is known to be a close associate of suspect ALFONSO F. SCHMITT.

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It is to be noted that although EARL J. BROOKLYN lives at Lake Mann west of Orlando and approximately ten miles east of Winter Garden, he was reared at Ocoee, Florida, which is approximately one mile from Winter Garden. Numerous persons, not Klan members, have been interviewed but could furnish little information concerning BROOKLYN's Klan activities.

It is also to be noted that members of the Klan who have a "job" to do often solicit aid from other Klansmen in other Klaverns of their group. For instance, a group from the Apopka Klan might be solicited to handle a "ride" in Winter Garden or elsewhere and vice versa. Investigation to date has developed allegations that [redacted] and others have engaged in such Klan terrorist activities.

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Frequently when the Klan or individual Klan members desire to mete "justice", an individual's name and his activities will be furnished, not to the open meeting of the Klavern, but in secret to the Exalted Cyclops. He, in turn, will furnish the individual's name and alleged activities to his Klokann Committee to investigate the matter. Usually it is furnished to only one member of the committee and it will be his assignment to carry out or execute the necessary "treatment". He will pick his "loaders" from individuals he knows will not refuse, usually two or three men. The member of the investigating committee, together with his "loaders", will then go out and "handle the job". Undoubtedly many "rides", "jobs" and "treatments" are arranged by Klansmen without any such "official sanction". The possibility exists in instant case that EARL J. BROOKLYN was one of the investigators to locate and "put the finger on" HARRY T. MOORE with the job being performed by others, selected for that purpose.

Therefore, in the conduct of this investigation and in the absence of any direct evidence, the objective at present is to collect as much information as possible concerning the individuals mentioned in this letter, develop one or more allied cases of violence against them to be used as a "lever" prior to interviewing them directly concerning BROOKLYN and their knowledge of the MOORE case.

When Klansmen are interviewed invariably they stand on their oath not to divulge any of the activities of the Klan or the identity of the members. It is interesting to note that as a part of the Klan ceremony, after an individual has been given the oath and initiated into the Klan, the Exalted Cyclops reads or gives them a benediction in which it is stated in part that to violate their oath means "disgrace, dishonor and death". Thus, with such a penalty, no Klansmen will divulge information, apparently having

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a fear of violence themselves if it should become known that they divulged information concerning the inner activities or membership of the Klan.

Therefore, there is every reason to believe the individuals named in this letter who are believed to be closely associated with EARL J. BROOKLYN, JAMES B. JOHNSON and other suspects will not divulge one iota of information when interviewed unless there is some evidence to tie them in directly or indirectly with instant case or some other acts of violence.

Due to the rural area in which these individuals live it is not deemed feasible to conduct any physical surveillances at this time. For example, [redacted] a known renegade who was banished from the Association of Georgia Klans and has been reinstated in the Association of Georgia Klans at Apopka, informed Agents he believed he was under surveillance by Bureau Agents and therefore did not attend any meetings of the Klan or contact any Klan members since he was first contacted by Agents three weeks previously. The latest contact was made with [redacted] merely to see if he would divulge any information since prior to that time he had emphatically denied he was even a member of the Klan. When informed by Agents that they knew he was a Klansman, active and the immediate past Exalted Cyclops of the Apopka Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans, he admitted that such was a fact. Of course, every consideration will be given to physical surveillances when other logical investigation fails to reveal the activities and intimate associates of BROOKLYN and other suspects.

The various Klans in the Orlando area are considerably disturbed and upset by instant investigation, according to informants and Klansmen interviewed. For example, Confidential Informant [redacted] states that at a recent meeting the Klavern of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Apopka destroyed all their records for fear such records might be located by the Bureau in the course of instant investigation. In view of the extremely secretive operations of the Klan and its members and the "clannish attitude" of Klan members this investigation must necessarily proceed deliberately, developing all background information possible before the key individuals are interviewed. Experience has shown that some of the Klansmen can be impressed by the background information and knowledge in the possession of interviewing Agents to the extent that they will, knowingly or unknowingly, divulge information of value which they would not disclose under other circumstances.

It appears that local law enforcement in the area, particularly county law enforcement under Sheriff DAVE STARR, exhibits a lackadaisical attitude in handling terrorist incidents such as are mentioned below, apparently to the extent of condoning such activities. Informants advise that

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during instant investigation in the Orlando area Sheriff STARR has told known Klansmen not to furnish any information to the FBI.

It is believed that by continuing to explore the activities of the Klan, both the Association of Georgia Klans and the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, active members and particularly the "renegade group" with which several suspects are associated, and by continuing efforts to connect suspects with other recent terrorist activities such as the shooting of R. J. WOODARD, colored, by a group of white men at Winter Garden about one and one-half years ago, the shooting and killing of MELVIN WOMACK, colored, by a group of white men at Winter Garden about a year ago, the dynamiting of the Creamette, frozen custard stand, in Orlando on November 1, 1951, after the white owner was requested about three weeks earlier to install a separate window for serving colored people, and the shooting of ARTHUR HENRY HOLLAND, colored taxi driver, at Winter Garden on January 12, 1952, there is a likely possibility of developing information as to the identity of the persons responsible for bombing the HARRY T. MOORE residence.

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[REDACTED] ADVISES HE WAS [REDACTED] IN ATTENDANCE

AT KLAN MEETING AT WINTER GARDEN, FLA. FEBRUARY ELEVEN LAST. INFORMANT OPENLY DENIED BEFORE GROUP THAT HE HAD FURNISHED INFO TO AGENTS AND RECEIVED UNANIMOUS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ON MOTION MADE BY SUSPECT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SOUTHERN KNIGHTS OF KKK, SPOKE OPEN KLAN MEETING AT ORLANDO, FLA., ON SATURDAY NIGHT, FEB. NINE LAST. LARGE CROSS BURNED AT MEETING ATTENDED BY ROBED AND HOODED KLANSMEN. ORLANDO NEWSPAPERS HAVE CRITICIZED SHERIFF DAVE STARR, ORLANDO, FOR FAILURE TO ENFORCE STATE LAW PROHIBITING WEARING OF MASK BY KLAN. INVESTIGATION AT WINTER GARDEN, FLA., RE ALL SUSPECTS CONTINUING.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

JAY EDWARD BELVIN, Sumter, South Carolina, son of suspect TILLMAN HOLLY BELVIN, advised that entire family including father stayed at residence entire day of 12/25/51. Father sickly and spent most of afternoon in bed. Mr. and Mrs. SOTREY, Mr. and Mrs. JOHNY BARRINGER and several other individuals, names not remembered visited in suspects home Christmas afternoon. JAY BELVIN further advised that he went to KKK meetings with father many years ago and acquired a distaste for the KKK, further that when he learned of the bombing the thought went through his mind that the KKK could be involved. Upon inquiring of his mother as to father's affiliation, was advised by mother that father to her knowledge had not attended ~~at the residence~~ for over a year. JAY BELVIN stated that he and father did not get along well and he left Orlando 3 years ago and lived in Sumter, S. C. since, therefore not familiar with father's friends or KKK activity. WILL TANNER, former game warden, Orlando, known to be close and intimate friend of father. Contact with informants negative.

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DETAILS: AT SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

JAY EDWARD BELVIN, 19 Kendrick Avenue, advised that on December 22, 1951, he departed from Sumter, South Carolina, and went to visit parents Mr. and Mrs. TILLMAN BELVIN at R# 4, Box 400, Orlando, Florida. While at residence he was joined by brother THOMAS, sister, ELAINE BAGNAL, and brother-in-law, BOB BAGNAL. On December 24, 1951, the entire family of six went to Orlando in father's Hudson and rode around. On December 25, 1951, the entire family stayed at home entire day, dinner of fried chicken served about noon. No visitors present for meal. Shortly after noon THOMAS, BOB and JAY went into the pasture for a short while, practiced some shooting with rifles. Father TILLMAN BELVIN sickly and spent afternoon in bed. Many people visited BELVIN home during the afternoon and night. Two couples remembered, a Mr. and Mrs. STOREY and Mr. and Mrs. JOHNY BARRINGER of Orlando, several other people including a man who recently purchased the Belvin farm.

JAY further advised that when he was about 10 years of age he attended KKK meetings with his father and acquired a dislike for the KKK due to the rough and ignorant type of individuals present. He further advised that he had not resided in Orlando, Florida, for several years and did not know of father's affiliation with KKK. He advised that after hearing about the bombing on the radio, inquired of his mother as to his father's KKK affiliation. She advised that father to her knowledge had not attended a KKK meeting for over a year. JAY advised further that he and father did not get along together well and therefore he did not know who were his friends, however, knew that WILL TANNER a former game warden at Orlando was a very close friend.

According to JAY, father owns a home at 419 South Hughey Street, Orlando, Florida, and formerly owned an apartment house in 1500 East Central Avenue, now owned by Mrs. OSTEEN.

JAY stated that when he learned of bombing he promptly gave thought to KKK activity, which prompted his inquiry

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of mother as to father's present activity.

AT AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that at Klan meeting, Aiken, South Carolina, December 31, 1951, no official reference was made to the bombing, although one member submitted from the floor that someone in Florida seemed to have some good ideas. Twenty members were present at the meeting, and all applauded the comment. Confidential Informant T-1 stated he had not been able to learn the identity of the individual making the remark, but will make efforts to ascertain his identity and any information he may have concerning the incident.

Confidential Informants T-2, 11, 12, and 13, of known reliability, were unable to supply any information of value.

AT CHARLESTON AND COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Confidential Informants T-3, T-4, and T-5, all of known reliability were contacted with negative results.

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that LOU ORNITZ did not make a trip out of Columbia, South Carolina during the Christmas Holidays, and stated further he had dined with ORNITZ on that date.

AT AUGUSTA, CLAXTON, AND VIDALIA, GEORGIA

Confidential Informants T-7, T-8, T-9, and T-10, all of known reliability, were unable to supply any information of value to this investigation.

All Informants contacted advised they would advise this office in the event any information concerning the bombing came to their attention.

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Confidential Informant T-1 is [redacted] contacted by Special Agent LAWRENCE R. CHANDLER.

Confidential Informant T-2 is [redacted] Potential CI, Allendale, S. C. contacted by Special Agent LAWRENCE R. CHANDLER.

Confidential Informant T-3 is [redacted] [redacted] Charleston, South Carolina, contacted by Special Agent WILMER L. THOMPSON.

Confidential Informant T-4 is [redacted] Potential CI, Columbia, South Carolina contacted by Special Agent ROY M. OSBORN.

Confidential Informant T-5 is [redacted] Potential CI, Columbia, South Carolina, contacted by Special Agent ROY M. OSBORN.

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Confidential Informant T-6 is [redacted] [redacted] Columbia, South Carolina, former Miami Security Informant, contacted by Special Agent ROY M. OSBORN.

Confidential Informant T-7 is [redacted] contacted by Special Agent LEON W. MORRIS.

Confidential Informant T-8 is [redacted] contacted by Special Agent LEON W. MORRIS.

Confidential Informant T-9, is [redacted] contacted by Special Agent NELSON L. PHILLIPS.

Confidential Informant T-10 is [redacted] contacted by Special Agent NELSON L. PHILLIPS.

Confidential Informant T-11 is [redacted] [redacted] Aiken, South Carolina contacted by Special Agent LAWRENCE R. CHANDLER.

Confidential Informant T-12 is T. D. TAVELLE, JR. Aiken South Carolina Police Department contacted by Special Agent LAWRENCE R. CHANDLER.

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Confidential Informant T-13 is   
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Rep. ASAC W. W. BURKE, JR., Miami, 1/11/52.  
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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE - VICTIM (Deceased); HARRIETT MOORE - VICTIM (Deceased)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**COLEMAN LEROY HACKER**, Dayton, Ohio, former friend of victims, has no suspects as to bombing on 12/25/51 of victims' residence. Suggest FBI interviews of 2 persons at NYC, N.Y., and of 6 persons in Miami territory for information as to possible suspects.

*1 cc Tampa - re: [unclear] [unclear] 5/7/6 [unclear]*

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**DETAILS:**

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Investigation in this matter was predicated upon Miami teletype to New York and Cincinnati, dated January 24, 1952, requesting Cincinnati to interview one **LEROY HACKER**, of Dayton, Ohio, and requesting New York to interview one **ROWLAND WATTS**, at New York New York.

The Miami Office stated information had been received that **HACKER** and **WATTS** had conducted considerable investigation of peonage cases in and around Lake County, Florida, in 1949, and might have information concerning the nature and extent of victim **HARRY T. MOORE's** activities in this area.

AT DAYTON, OHIO

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**COLEMAN LEROY HACKER**, 161 Liscum Drive, Dayton, now a Qualifications Examiner, Utilization Branch, Civilian Personnel Section, Administrative Division, Post 132 M, Building 262 A, Area A, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, phone extension 59200, was interviewed at his office on January 30 and February 1, 1952, and furnished the following information:

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He first made the acquaintanceship of both victims about 1933 or 1934. HARRY T. MOORE was then a teacher at the Mims, Florida, Grade School and HACKER was a teacher in the Public School at Ormond, Florida. HACKER later became a Professor of Social Sciences and Head of the Social Sciences Department of the Bethune-Cookman College at Daytona Beach, Florida. HARRY T. MOORE attended the Bethune-Cookman College during HACKER's faculty employment at that College and HACKER was well acquainted with the victims until his departure from Bethune-Cookman College in 1948.

HACKER has no suspects in the bombing of the victims' residence on December 25, 1951, at Mims, Florida. He has the general opinion that the bombing of the victims was in retaliation for HARRY T. MOORE's activities in Lake County, Florida, and immediate vicinity as State Secretary of the Florida Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

HACKER made inquiries into peonage matters in Alachua County, Florida, in the summer of 1949 on assignment by ROWLAND WATTS, an attorney, who was, then and now, Director of the Workers Defense League with office at Room 509, 112 East Nineteenth Street, New York, New York. WATTS has a previous wide background in conducting confidential peonage investigations and "several years ago" gave information to the FBI in a peonage matter in which Sheriff WILLIS McCALL, of Lake County, Florida, was the principal subject.

WATTS had an excellent informant in peonage matters, introduced by WATTS to HACKER in the summer of 1949, recalled by HACKER as being a white man who sells kerosene "house to house" for his own company, in Lake County, Florida. This man lives at Eustis, Florida, and is 48 to 50 years of age. He is also a Preacher at Leesburg, Florida. He gave WATTS considerable information in an investigation by WATTS about 1946 or 1947 concerning peonage in the orange groves of Lake County, Florida. WATTS should be able to supply his full identity.

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HACKER further suggests interview of one TERRENCE "TERRY" McCARTHY, age 38, an economist and writer on humanitarian subjects, now residing at 14 Leroy Street, Greenwich Village, New York, New York. McCARTHY was at Lake County, Florida, in the summer of 1950, making an investigation for purposes of a magazine article of the shooting by Sheriff WILLIS McCALL of Lake County, Florida, of WALTER LEE IRVIN and SAMUEL SHEPHERD, two of four colored men allegedly involved in the rape of a white girl or woman at Lake County, Florida.

McCARTHY met numerous people in Groveland, Florida, while making his investigation, and may have possible suspects in mind, or be able to suggest likely sources of information, relative to the bombing of the home of the victims in this case.

McCARTHY was himself attacked and beaten by unknown assailants while conducting his investigation in the vicinity of Leesburg, Florida, shortly after the shooting of IRVIN and SHEPHERD by Sheriff McCALL.

HACKER also had the following suggestions as to persons who might possibly have information of value to the FBI in this matter:

RANDOLPH LEE

Teacher at the Campbell Street High School, Daytona Beach, Florida

LEE has numerous contacts in the vicinity of Daytona Beach, Florida, and might assist the FBI in developing information of value.

A Mr. PINCKNEY

A former student of Mr. HACKER's at Bethune-Cookman College, and now Principal of a High School at Eustis, Florida

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A Mr. SWEETWINE, also a former student of HACKER's at Bethune-Cookman College, and now a Teacher of Social Sciences at the Leesburg, Florida, High School

A Mrs. DOROTHY HESTER, of Mims, Florida, who is a beautician.

Both Mrs. HESTER and her husband, whose first name is not recalled by HACKER, have considerable information as to racial conditions in the vicinity of Mims, Florida, and HACKER suggests that both be interviewed by the FBI in this matter.

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Will determine whether or not the following individuals have as yet been interviewed, and if not, will consider the desirability of such interviews:

AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

RANDOLPH LEE, a Teacher at the Campbell Street High School.

AT EUSTIS, FLORIDA

A Mr. PINCKNEY, Principal of the local High School.

AT LEESBURG, FLORIDA

A Mr. SWEETWINE, Teacher of Social Sciences at the Leesburg High School.

After advice from New York as to the full identity of the white man who is a Preacher at Leesburg, Florida, and who lives at Eustis, Florida, will determine the desirability of interview of this individual.

AT MIMS, FLORIDA

Mrs. DOROTHY HESTER, a beautician, and her husband, first name unknown.

THE NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will first check the indices and thereafter interview ROWLAND WATTS, Director of the Workers Defense League,

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whose office is Room 509, 112 East Nineteenth Street, New York, New York. The New York Office has considerable information in its files concerning the Workers Defense League.

Will check indices and thereafter interview one TERRENCE "TERRY" McCARTHY, an economist and writer, age 38, residing at 14 Leroy Street, Greenwich Village.

REFERENCE:

Miami teletype to New York and Cincinnati, dated 1/24/52.

New York teletype to Cincinnati, dated 1/28/52.

Miami letter to the Director, cc to all offices in continental United States, dated 1/11/52.

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UNSUBS, HARRY MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR. ALEX  
 AKERMAN, DEFENSE ATTORNEY IN GROVELAND CASE, INTERVIEWED TODAY. AD-  
 VISED HE MET MOORE SEVERAL YEARS AGO. STATED MOORE NEVER GAVE HIM  
 ANY REPORT, EVIDENCE, OR INFORMATION IN REGARD GROVELAND CASE. ADVISED  
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For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by the Executive Board of the Bedford Stuyvesant Neighborhood Council, Inc., 164 Montague Street, Brooklyn 2, New York. This resolution was forwarded to the Bureau by William M. Taylor, President, by letter dated January 30, 1952, which letter has been acknowledged.

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed resolution was unanimously passed by the Executive Board of the Bedford Stuyvesant Neighborhood Council, at its last meeting.

Cordially yours

*W. M. Taylor*  
WILLIAM M. TAYLOR

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Spencer Place Neighborhood Assn.  
Putnam Avenue Block Assn.  
Dean St. Community Assn.  
The 400 McDonough Block Assn.  
Hancock St. Neighborhood Assn.  
The 400 Decatur St. Block Assn.  
Hancock St. Second Block Assn.  
Halsey St.-Arlington Place Assn.  
Jefferson Ave. Civic Assn.  
Gates Ave. & T. Block Assn.  
St. Marks Block Assn.  
Grand Avenue Assn.  
Decatur Civic Assn.  
Green Ave. Block Assn.

Macon P. R. Neighborhood Council  
McDonough "35" Neighborhood Assn.  
Pacific St. Block Assn.  
The 500 McDonough Block Assn.  
Jefferson Ave. Neighborhood Council  
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The 1100 Dean St. Block Assn.  
Putnam Ave. Property Owners Assn.  
Jefferson T. S. Good Neighbor Assn.  
Clifton Place Property Owners Assn.  
Halsey St. Progressive Block Assn.  
Macon St.-Verona Place Assn.  
Decatur Friendship Block Assn.  
Hampton-Sterling Block Assn.  
Madison St. T. & T. Assn.  
Madison St. S. & L. Assn.

Quincy St. Cooperative Assn.  
Putnam Ave. Cosmopolitan Block Assn.  
Monroe St. F. B. Block Assn.  
Hancock St. L. T. Association  
Monroe St. L. & S. Association  
Bainbridge P. & R. Association  
Putnam Ave. Hygenic Block Assn.  
First McDonough Block Assn.  
Monroe St. T. & T. Block Assn.  
Marcy-Putnam Residents Assn.  
1st Block of Monroe Neighborhood Assn.  
Monroe United Block Assn.  
Patchen Hancock Stuyvesant Assn.  
Decatur P. & R. Block Assn.  
Hancock St. R. & H. Block Assn.  
McDonough St. S. & L. Assn.

First Jefferson Ave. Property Owners  
Reid-Macon-Patchen Neighborhood Assn.  
First Block of Herkimer St. Assn.  
Second Block of Herkimer St. Assn.  
Macon-Lewis-Stuyvesant Block Assn.  
Brooklyn Council for Social Planning  
Carlton Ave. Y. M. C. A.  
Bedford-Stuyvesant Wmsbg. School Council  
Central Y. W. C. A.  
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A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the citizens of Bedford Stuyford, along with millions of other self-respecting citizens in other communities throughout the United States were shocked beyond expression at the news of the brutal and uncivilized bombing on last Christmas night, in Mims, Florida of Mr & Mrs Harry Moore and Harriet Moore, his wife, and

WHEREAS, this dastardly crime has aroused world-wide condemnation and head-bowed shame to these citizens regardless of race, color or creed, who believe so firmly in the constitutional processes of the Nation, therefore be it

RESOLVED: (1) That the Governor of the State of Florida be admonished for his failure to take effective steps leading to the apprehension of the perpetrators of this outrageous crime, and (2) that the State of Florida be petitioned to make adequate provision both with respect to the protection and the financial well-being of the dependents and beneficiaries of the deceased, and (3) That the President of the United States be criticized for his failure to publicly denounce this shameful crime, and further that the President be petitioned to do everything in his power to bring the culprits before the bar of justice, and (4) That the Attorney General of the United States be petitioned to convene a special panel of the Grand Jury to insure that a thorough investigation of this appalling crime, as well as any acts of negligence on the part of the law enforcement-officers concerned therewith, and leading to the arrest, trial and punishment of the criminals involved and (5) That a campaign be initiated in this area and other areas throughout the country for the purpose of boycotting all citrous fruits and other products grown or manufactured in

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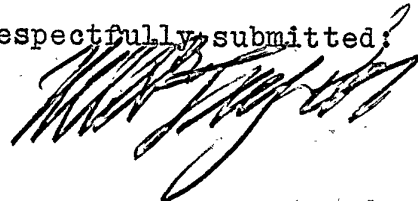
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the State of Florida, said campaign to continue indefinitely until such time as this wave of gangsterous crimes in that state shall have subsided and the people of Florida assume a sense of responsibility befitting the inhabitants of a civilized state, and finally (6) that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all public officials and agencies involved as well as to the Committee on Human Relations of the United Nations.

Dated: January 24, 1952

Respectfully submitted,



WM. L. TAYLOR

SAC, Miami (44-270)

February 20, 1952

Director, FBI (44-4118)

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Reurtel February 11, 1952, concerning the interview with Carl Sanders, Constable at Winter Garden, Florida.

Sanders refused to cooperate with agents as a law enforcement officer, stating that his Klan oath prevented him from divulging any Klan information or identity of Klan members.

It is desired that you promptly furnish the Bureau with full details in regard to this information. You should also report whether the agents of your office have contacted Sanders in the past in connection with Bureau work, and if so, the degree of cooperation which he exhibited at that time. You should also furnish your recommendation to the Bureau concerning the Bureau's future relationship with Sanders.

(A check of the general indices of the Bureau failed to reflect any reference which could have determined as pertaining to Sanders.)

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ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

UNSUBS, HARRY MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR. CONSTABLE  
CARL SANDERS, WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA, AREA INTERVIEWED. ADMITS BEING  
MEMBER OF KLAN IN PAST. SAYS HE IS NOT NOW A MEMBER BECAUSE HE HAS  
NOT PAID HIS DUES IN ABOUT A YEAR. REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH AGENTS  
AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, STATING HIS KLAN OAT PREVENTED HIM  
FROM DIVULGING ANY KLAN INFO OR IDENTITY OF KLAN MEMBERS. BELIEVES  
HIS KLAN OAT MORE BINDING THAN HIS DUTY AND OBLIGATION AS AN ELECTED  
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[REDACTED] ADVISES IT IS RUMORED THAT JAMES BRANTLEY,  
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SHOOTING AND BEATING OF ARTHUR HENRY HOLLAND ON JANUARY TWELVE LAST.  
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Miami, Florida  
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HARRIETT MOORE - VICTIM (deceased)  
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Dynamite Incident, Sts.  
Peter and Paul Catholic  
Church, Miami, Florida  
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Re Miami letter 1/11/52, requesting contacts with office's sources and informants in the Ku Klux Klan for possible suspects in captioned cases.

Since there is no organized Klan activity in this Division, no inquiries have been made along the lines suggested in relet.

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PHOTOS OF SUSPECTS JAMES B. JOHNSON, HIS [REDACTED] AND  
OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OBTAINED. PHOTOS

OF OTHER SUSPECTS AND KLANSMEN BEING OBTAINED AFTER WHICH ALL PHOTOS  
WILL BE EXHIBITED TO [REDACTED] AND OTHERS WHO SAW TWO WHITE  
MEN AT MIMS, FLORIDA WHO INQUIRED AS TO MOORE-S WHEREABOUTS. ALSO  
WILL BE EXHIBITED TO OWNER AND EMPLOYEE OF CREAMETTE FROZEN CUSTARD  
STAND AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA. INVESTIGATION PRESENTLY IN PROGRESS AT  
MIMS, FLORIDA RUNNING OUT MISCELLANEOUS RUMORS WHICH TO DATE HAVE  
DEVELOPED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF VALUE.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Additional interviews of associates of victim MOORE in NAACP and PVL, also associates and residents of Mims, Fla., produced little of value. Suspect A. FORTENBERRY on interview 2-5-52, stated never knew victims although heard HARRY T. MOORE was negro leader in Mims area and was rumored MOORE influenced negro vote against FORTENBERRY in election in which FORTENBERRY defeated. FORTENBERRY claims he has no animosity or hard feelings against MOORE, also does not have any information re identity of persons responsible for bombing MOORE residence.

[redacted] did not positively identify photos of suspects BELVIN and BROOKLYN as individuals inquiring at Mims, Fla. re whereabouts MOORE residence although [redacted] selected photo of suspect BROOKLYN, stating that particular photo more closely resembles one of the men than any other seen. T-1 believes suspect [redacted] one of group of white men that shot colored taxi driver at Winter Garden, Fla. on 1-12-52. T-2 advised in about 8/51 [redacted] was soliciting members for KKK and at time stated to T-2 "there's a biggety s--o--b--", HARRY MOORE, at Mims, Florida, who is getting out of

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hand" and indicated something was going to happen to MOORE. T-3 advised suspects SCHMITT and JUDAH compare favorably to two men who inquired at Mims as to whereabouts of MOORE residence; both Klan members, have poor reputations, suspected of participating in killing of MELVIN WOMACK, colored, and other terrorist activities. Klan "renegades", Apopka, Fla., interviewed and background information concerning their activities developed but no direct information obtained re MOORE incident. [redacted] one of renegades, assisted suspect BELVIN in blowing stumps with dynamite approximately 1 1/2 years ago. Dynamite already at BELVIN place and [redacted] does not know source of supply. Additional efforts to locate source of dynamite unproductive. Identification and interviews of persons attending funeral of victim HARRY T. MOORE have produced little of value. Father and mother of deceased SAMUEL SHEPHERD advised they have no knowledge re MOORE's activities in behalf of SAMUEL SHEPHERD or any information re bombing MOORE residence.

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INTERVIEWS OF ASSOCIATES OF VICTIM MOORE IN  
NAACP AND PVL, ALSO RESIDENTS OF MIMS, FLORIDA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ORVILLE F. McVAY at Fort Myers, Florida, on January 19 and 29, 1952.

BASIS: The letterhead of the Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc., of which victim HARRY T. MOORE was Executive Secretary, lists A. WALKER, Fort Myers, Florida, as a member of the Board of Directors. The following investigation was conducted to determine the extent of his relationship with victims and any information he might have relating to the persons responsible for their deaths.

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Investigation reflected the A. WALKER referred to above was most likely identical with ARMENUS WALKER, 1534 Pauldo, a janitor at several establishments in Fort Myers, Florida.

ARMENUS WALKER was interviewed on January 29, 1952, and advised he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc. for several years and is President of the Fort Myers Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, having held that position since it was organized in about 1938. WALKER advised he has known the victim, HARRY T. MOORE, since about 1938 and has attended several meetings of the NAACP with him in Tampa, Florida, Tuskegee, Alabama, and Charleston, South Carolina. He stated he was on good terms with MOORE and liked and respected him. WALKER was noncommittal with respect to MOORE's close friends but indicated E. K. BASS of Live Oak, Florida, and ----- BRYANT of Lake Wales, Florida, both of whom were active in the NAACP and the Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc., were probably closest to him.

WALKER advised that MOORE had a good reputation in the NAACP and to his knowledge got along well with the membership. He stated he had heard there was some opposition to MOORE within the NAACP and that this matter arose at the November, 1951 meeting of the NAACP in Daytona Beach, Florida, but that he did not attend that meeting and is not in possession of the details of this particular matter.

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He advised he has never heard of any threats against MOORE and that he does not know of any enemies that MOORE might have had, either within or without the NAACP or the Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc. He added that MOORE had not confided to him with respect to such matters.

WALKER advised he thinks that MOORE's activities in connection with the events arising out of the Groveland case are responsible for his death and that he believes some segments of the Ku Klux Klan are responsible for MOORE's death. He was unable to name anyone whom he might suspect or furnish any direct information whatsoever concerning instant matter.

He declined to identify by name any other members of the NAACP or the Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc. who might be in a position to furnish information concerning the death of the victims, other than to name the two individuals listed above as friends of the victim. WALKER was generally noncommittal and insisted in speaking only in broad generalities.



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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. WAYNE SWINNEY at Orlando, Florida, on January 25, 1952.

BASIS: To interview ROSCOE L. LACEY, 542 West Carter, to determine the nature of the strife existing within the NAACP organization at Orlando and to determine whether or not MOORE was in any way involved.

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ROSCOE L. LACEY, 542 West Carter, advised the local strife existing within the NAACP at Orlando first came into being in 1949 when JOHNNIE P. ELLIS was elected president of the local chapter. According to LACEY, there existed within the local chapter of the NAACP two factions, one made up of the younger members, namely, ELLIS and LACEY, and the faction made up of the older members, namely, Reverend R. H. JOHNSON, THOMAS REED and G. T. WILLIAMS (deceased).

At the time of the inception of this strife existing within the NAACP at Orlando it was felt by LACEY that it was precipitated by the younger group taking command of the organization and the older group felt they, LACEY and ELLIS, were Communistically inclined and dominated. LACEY advised the strife within the local chapter grew exceedingly worse to the point where JOHNSON attempted to organize a separate chapter in Orlando; however, this chapter was not recognized by the National Headquarters in New York.

He advised further that MOORE did not take issue with the existing strife nor attempt to settle the difficulty.

JOHNNIE P. ELLIS, Route 7, Box 372C, president of the Orlando chapter of the NAACP, furnished substantially the same information as LACEY relative the strife existing within the NAACP at Orlando and stated that one of MOORE's faults was the fact he did not want to create any hard feelings and would not "slap down" the opposition; however, MOORE only "winked at it". ELLIS stated MOORE had been a close friend and associate of JOHNSON and that the local strife was mainly between ELLIS and JOHNSON and had risen to the point where ELLIS presently has a lawsuit pending against JOHNSON for accusing him of misappropriating NAACP funds and being a Communist.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOSEPH I. GREALY on January 25 and 26, 1952, at Hollywood, Florida.

BASIS: Interview ARTHUR SHIPMAN, member of the Board of Directors, Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc. for any information he may have relating to this case and any threats made against victim HARRY T. MOORE who was Executive Secretary of this organization.

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ARTHUR EVERETT SHIPMAN, 2215 Cody Street, Hollywood, Florida, advised he is presently employed with the Seaboard Railroad at the Fort Lauderdale, Florida, station as a baggage man.

He stated he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc. at Hollywood, Florida, and that he had come in contact with HARRY T. MOORE through his activity with this organization. SHIPMAN stated he had known MOORE since 1948 but never had occasion to meet or become acquainted with his wife, HARRIETT MOORE. He stated he was not intimately acquainted with MOORE and only knew him through his contact at meetings of the Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc. He pointed out that the meetings of this group were held at Ocala, Florida.

With regard to any close friends of the victim, SHIPMAN stated the only individual he could suggest would be EDWARD D. DAVIS who resides in Ocala, Florida.

SHIPMAN pointed out that MOORE was highly regarded and respected by the members of the Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc. and he personally never knew MOORE to have any enemies. He added he was never aware of anyone having made any threats against MOORE.

In connection with the incident that had taken place in this case, SHIPMAN stated that since it happened he has thought the matter over very carefully in his mind and has no idea whatsoever who could have caused the death of HARRY MOORE and his wife. SHIPMAN pointed out that he is anxious to help in any way he can in this matter and in the event any information comes to his attention he will bring same immediately to the attention of this Bureau.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. WAYNE SWINNEY at Clermont, Florida, on January 16, 1952.

BASIS: To reinterview BEN WILLIS, Box 799, Clermont, Florida, President of the Clermont Chapter of the NAACP, and determine from him what information he has relative MOORE's activity in the Groveland area during July, 1951.

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BEN WILLIS, Box 799, upon reinterview advised he recalls victim MOORE and his wife coming to Clermont in July, 1951, at which time they held a meeting of the NAACP in the local colored church. WILLIS stated that MOORE brought with him a Mr. HALL as a guest speaker from Altamonte Springs, Florida, and that MOORE introduced the speaker. Mr. WILLIS stated this meeting was in Clermont and he knew of no activity in Groveland by MOORE and that there was no chapter of the NAACP in Groveland.

WILLIS added that the meeting held in Clermont lasted for approximately two hours on a Sunday afternoon and there was no disturbance or trouble in any way connected with the meeting.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM J. LALLEY on January 25, 1952:

BASIS - The letterhead of the Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc., of which victim HARRY T. MOORE was Executive Secretary, lists E. K. BASS, Live Oak, Florida, as one of the members of the Board of Directors. The following investigation was conducted to determine the extent of his relationship with the victims and any information he might have relating to the persons responsible for their deaths.

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AT LIVE OAK, FLORIDA

Mr. E. K. BASS, Post Office Box 396, Live Oak, advised that he is the President of the Local Branch of the NAACP, and that he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Progressive Voters League of Florida. He has known the victim, HARRY T. MOORE, for seventeen years, having first met him in approximately 1934 when he, BASS, was living in Cocoa, Florida, and MOORE was residing in Mims, Florida. He said that he was acquainted with MOORE socially and officially through his connection with the NAACP and the Progressive Voters League.

BASS stated he last saw the victim in Daytona Beach on November 25, 1951, during the NAACP Convention which was held from November 23rd to November 25th, 1951. He said that it was at this time that the Convention abolished the position of Executive Secretary which MOORE held, and this was done for purely financial reasons, according to BASS.

BASS stated the organization was indebted to MOORE for back salary in his activities in the NAACP, and although MOORE had voluntarily served on a non-salary basis, it was considered by the Convention that it would be more appropriate to abolish the position entirely until such time as they were financially able to pay more for his annual salary.

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BASS advised that he knew of no group within the NAACP organization that was opposed to MOORE and felt that he was well regarded by all delegates to the Convention and members of the NAACP. He said that he knew of no personal enemies that MOORE might have had, and that when he last talked with him, MOORE did not mention anything that would indicate that his life was in jeopardy, or that he had received any threats or was being strenuously opposed by any groups, individuals or organizations. BASS was unable to furnish any information and had no idea as to who was responsible for the deaths of the victims.

BASS added that ~~victim~~ MOORE had been very close to his mother, Mrs. ROSA MOORE, and that she frequently accompanied him on business trips. He said that Mrs. MOORE could be located through Mrs. BESSIE POSTELL, 937 Reiman Street, Jacksonville, Florida. He said that MOORE was also very close to Reverend R. H. JOHNSON, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the NAACP, and resides on Paramour Avenue in Atlanta, Georgia. MOORE was also a very good friend of Reverend K. S. JOHNSON of Sanford, Florida. MOORE, according to BASS, has an uncle, HENRY TYSON, who resides in a rural area south of Wellborn, Florida.

BASS added that he was acquainted with HARRIETT MOORE through his friendship with HARRY T. MOORE, however, he knew nothing of her background that would be of assistance in this investigation to determine the individuals responsible for her death.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. WAYNE SWINNEY at Ocala, Florida, on January 16, 1952.

BASIS: Contact ED D. DAVIS, President of the NAACP of Florida to ascertain if there is a personnel file of MOORE to ascertain activity of any individual who had volunteered to take MOORE's job on a commission basis and details leading to such offer and to determine from him how the payment of \$2,500.00 in back pay was to be made to MOORE.

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ED. D. DAVIS, 601 West Broadway, advised there was no personnel file to his knowledge on Executive Secretary HARRY T. MOORE and that the only file which might have been made would have been in MOORE's possession at his home in Mims, Florida.

He advised with reference to the \$2500.00 which was to be raised to pay MOORE for his back salary, the plan was to assess each branch of the NAACP \$5, much each year and that upon receipt of the payment from the branches they would pay the money to MOORE.

DAVIS stated that at the State Convention in Daytona Beach, Florida, the matter relative a volunteer to take MOORE's position on a commission basis did not come to the floor of the meeting. He added, however, that V. D. HAWKINS might have been behind such a plan inasmuch as HAWKINS on one occasion made such a statement to DAVIS at Ocala, Florida. DAVIS stated that HAWKINS had indicated he would take the position on a commission basis whereby he would get a percentage of all money he, HAWKINS, raised in membership drives, fund drives, campaigns, etc.

DAVIS volunteered information that he felt that should the Lake County case be connected with the bombing in Mims, Florida, that one DOC JONES, who is employed at the Lane Park Cottages just south of Tavares, Florida, by W. C. WILLINGHAM, might be able to furnish information concerning same. He stated DOC JONES, colored, had killed a Bahaman worker at Tavares, working in the citrus industry when JONES caught the Bahaman sleeping with JONES' wife. According to DAVIS, Sheriff WILLIS V. McCALL told JONES he would have nothing to worry about as they would not do anything to him for killing a negro in Lake County.

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He stated that within three months following the killing he saw DOC JONES in Ocala, Florida, and asked him how he got out of jail whereupon JONES advised that Sheriff McCALL had had him paroled to W. C. WILLINGHAM. It was DAVIS' opinion that DOC JONES might, under these circumstances, be indebted to Sheriff McCALL and might have obtained information concerning the victims for Sheriff McCALL.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent  
MARTIN A. MANLEY at Riviera Beach, Florida, on January 17, 1952.

BASIS: Interview ERIC V. SARGENT, Progressive Voters  
League of Florida, Inc., for any information relating  
to this case and any threats made against victim MOORE  
who was Executive Secretary of this organization.

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ERIC V. SARGENT, 102 Illinois Avenue, advised he only knew  
HARRY T. MOORE through the NAACP meetings and only met him five or six  
times, each time at NAACP meetings. He stated he does not know MOORE's  
friends and that he did not know MOORE's wife at all. He said MOORE  
was well liked in the NAACP and to his knowledge did not have any enemies  
and had not received any threats. He could offer no information of  
value to this investigation.



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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. WAYNE SWINNEY on February 5, 1952, at Altamonte Springs, Florida.

BASIS: To interview L. R. MASON, member of the Board of Directors, Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc., for any information he might have relative to the instant case and any threats made to MOORE as known by him.

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L. R. MASON on interview advised he had no knowledge of any threats or accusations having been made against HARRY T. MOORE and considered him a most humble individual who never attempted to cause trouble.

MASON stated his last contact with MOORE was during the first part of 1951 when he spoke at one of the churches in Altamonte Springs. He advised he knew of no recent activities of victim MOORE and had heard no information which would indicate the identity of the perpetrators of this crime, nor the reason for the same.

He advised that should any information come to his attention concerning the individuals involved he would immediately furnish the same to this office.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. WAYNE SWINNEY on January 23, 1952 at Altamonte Springs, Florida:

BASIS: To interview CADER MASON NEAL, Secretary, Progressive Voters League of Florida, for any information she might have relative to the instant case and any threats she might know of having been made against victim MOORE who was Executive Secretary of the Progressive Voters League of Florida.

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CADER MASON NEAL, Box 106, Altamonte Springs, Florida, advised she knew of no threats against MOORE and stated he had been in Altamonte Springs around March or April of 1951 at which time he spoke in one of the churches and was trying to organize a chapter of the NAACP at Altamonte Springs from members of the Progressive Voters League of Florida.

She advised there was no disturbance or trouble with reference to the meeting and that she had heard no comments or discussion in and around Altamonte Springs relative to the reason for the instant explosion. She further stated she was MOORE's closest friend in this vicinity inasmuch as she had been schoolmates with him and would know him better than anyone.

She added that at the time of her last contact with victim MOORE he seemed to have no fear or doubt about his work and she knew of no reason for his death. She added that should any information come to her attention she would immediately advise this office.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM J. JAMISON on February 4 and 5, 1952, at Lake Wales, Florida.

BASIS: ARMENUS WALKER, Fort Myers, Florida, indicated P. J. BRYANT, Lake Wales, Florida, was a close friend of HARRY T. MOORE.

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PERRY JAMES BRYANT, 209 Dorsett Avenue, advised that he is employed at the Highland Park Club near Lake Wales. He stated that he is local president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He stated that he was not a close personal friend of MOORE, but became acquainted with him in NAACP business, seeing him once or twice a year for a period of seven or eight years.

BRYANT said he last saw MOORE at the Campbell Street School at Daytona Beach, Florida, for a period of about three days, starting the day after Thanksgiving, 1951. He said there was a NAACP state conference in Daytona at that time. MOORE left before the conference ended. He said that during the conference MOORE did not appear to be in the process of conducting any business that would cause anyone to want to kill him. He said he thought MOORE was well liked by white and colored people and that he was never known to be an agitator. BRYANT said he knows of no enemies of the MOORES and no motive for their death, but will advise of any pertinent information coming to his attention in the future.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents ROBERT F. HARTMANN and TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS on February 2, 1952 at Mims, Florida:

- ° BASIS: JOHNNIE BELL, DOROTHY HESTER, JAMES HESTER, GRANDALL JEFFERSON WARREN, LUCIUS MARTINO and WALTER GRANT, all colored residents of Mims and acquaintances of MOORE, interviewed for any information they might have concerning bombing of MOORE residence.

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JOHNNIE BELL advised he was born in Mims, Florida and has spent most of his life there. He stated he was acquainted with victim HARRY T. MOORE, having seen him numerous times in Mims, Florida. He advised at the time of the bombing of the MOORE residence he was seated in Grant's Cafe in the colored section of Mims and was talking with JOHN MITCHELL, WALTER and SUSIE BELL GRANT. He advised while they were conversing they heard the report of the explosion. He stated he did not learn that the MOORE's residence had been bombed until the following morning when he was advised by a neighbor and at that time he went over to view the MOORE's residence.

He further stated he does not have any information as to the persons responsible for the bombing. During the interview he advised that HARRY T. MOORE was well regarded by the colored people of Mims and he, BELL, had never heard anyone make any threats concerning MOORE. He said he often considered MOORE's life being in danger due to his work in the NAACP but he was of the opinion MOORE would never have suffered any violence in Mims, Florida, inasmuch as MOORE was well regarded by both colored and white in Mims.

He also advised since the bombing of the MOORE residence he has not received any information concerning activities of victim MOORE which would be of any assistance in ascertaining the identity of the persons responsible for the killing of MOORE and his wife.

DOROTHY HESTER was interviewed at her Beauty Shop which is located across the street from the Missionary Baptist Church in Mims, Florida. She stated she was personally acquainted with victim HARRY T. MOORE and on the Sunday before the bombing of the MOORE residence MOORE made a short talk at the church services being held at the Missionary Baptist Church in Mims, Florida. She stated she was present and at that time MOORE discussed his work with the NAACP, calling upon the persons present to contribute financially and to give their personal support to the NAACP. She stated MOORE

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said he was endeavoring to help the minority groups in the United States and in particular the negro group and in this work he had laid his life on the altar. She stated that his statements were to the effect that he had dedicated his life to the betterment of the negro race. She said he made the statement he would not uphold a negro if the negro were guilty but he believed everyone should have justice before the law.

She advised MOORE at no time during his talk made any statement or gave any indication he thought his life was in danger or that he expected any type of violence to result from his work. She said she understood from his statement to the effect he had placed his life on the altar to mean he was dedicating himself completely to his work for the betterment of the colored race.

She also advised she did not hear any remarks or conversation following MOORE's talk to the effect "MOORE had preached his own funeral" or that MOORE in any way felt his life was in danger.

She also stated during the interview that she had never made any remark nor heard anyone else make a remark to the effect HARRIETT MOORE had been given "the black bottle". She said she is not acquainted with the expression and has never heard it used by colored people. She advised she has not heard any rumor or statement to the effect that HARRIETT MOORE died from the results of being given a "black bottle". She is of the opinion HARRIETT MOORE died from the results of the bombing and not from some other cause, and pointed out that this seems to be the opinion of the colored residents of Mims.

JAMES HESTER, husband of DOROTHY HESTER, was interviewed separately and following the interview of his wife. He stated he does not have any information concerning the bombing of the MOORE residence. In regard to the speech made by HARRY T. MOORE, HESTER furnished substantially the same information as furnished by his wife, DOROTHY.

CRANDALL JEFFERSON WARREN advised he was acquainted with the victim, HARRY T. MOORE. He said he spoke with MOORE in front of the Missionary Baptist Church in Mims, Florida, the Sunday preceeding the bombing of the MOORE home. He said he did not attend services but saw MOORE in front of the church, approached him and gave him a \$1.00 contribution toward the work of the NAACP. He explained he conversed very briefly with MOORE but at that time MOORE did not make any statement or give any indication his life was in danger. WARREN explained

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that on the day of the bombing he, WARREN, was in Tampa, Florida and did not return to Mims, Florida until Thursday following the MOORE bombing.

LUCIUS MARTINO, colored resident of Mims, Florida, was present at the WARREN residence and he was interviewed separately following the interview of WARREN. MARTINO stated he was in Mims, Florida at the time of the bombing of the MOORE residence but added he does not have any information concerning the identity of the persons responsible for the bombing.

WALTER GRANT advised he was present at the church service at the Missionary Baptist Church when HARRY T. MOORE made a short talk on his, MOORE's work with the NAACP. GRANT stated MOORE called upon the persons present to contribute financially and to give their personal services to the work of the NAACP.

According to GRANT, MOORE stated the Groveland case would come to trial shortly and made the remark he, MOORE, was doing everything he could to see that "justice was done". GRANT stated MOORE at no time made any statement or cause any indication he believed his life to be in danger. He said MOORE devoted his talk almost completely to calling upon the persons present for their support of the NAACP. He said that MOORE made the statement he had dedicated himself to the work of the betterment of the negro race but at no time made any statement which gave the impression MOORE "was preaching his own funeral".

During the interview GRANT advised that on the morning following the bombing of the MOORE residence a white deliveryman of the Bell Bread Company of Daytona Beach, who regularly supplies bread to GRANT's restaurant in Mims, Florida, told GRANT that he, the deliveryman, had heard at one of the truck stops in Mims, Florida, that a long cord had been observed at the MOORE residence immediately following the bombing. According to GRANT the deliveryman stated the cord was reported to have been approximately 150' long and extended from under the MOORE residence. GRANT was unable to furnish any further details regarding this information, advising that the deliveryman did not elaborate or identify the persons from whom he received the information. GRANT stated the deliveryman told him that the MOORE residence had been bombed and GRANT said this was the first time he, GRANT, had heard of the bombing.

GRANT was also questioned during the interview as to whether or not he had ever heard anything to the effect that HARRIETT MOORE was "given the black bottle". GRANT stated he had never heard any information to that

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effect nor is he acquainted with the expression "the black bottle" which had previously been reported as having been given to HARRIETT MOORE, to keep her from talking. He stated it is his opinion and understanding, as well as the persons around Mims, with whom he had talked, that HARRIETT MOORE died from injuries suffered in the bombing of the MOORE residence.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents ROBERT F. HARTMANN and TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS on February 1, 1952 at Mims, Florida:

BASIS: WILLIAM S. LEE, aka Bill Lee, Mims, Florida, reinterviewed for any information he would furnish concerning instant case.

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WILLIAM S. LEE advised he joined the Ku Klux Klan in 1938 or 1939 and remained active for a few years but discontinued his membership with the Klan because of "the type of persons that began to come in the Klan". In this regard he stated that some of the individuals who came into the Klan believed in "taking the law into their own hands" and were of such a violent nature that he, LEE, did not care to be associated with the Klan. He stated he had taken the Klan oath never to divulge any of the Klan members and therefore could not furnish the names of anyone connected with the Klan nor did he feel he should furnish any information concerning the Klan's activities.

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Regarding his activities on the day of the bombing, LEE again reiterated he was fishing at Preacher KYZER's camp. He stated he was accompanied on the fishing trip by B. F. WHEELER, Sr., B. F. WHEELER, Jr. and JOHN EVANS, all of whom are related to LEE.



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During the interview LEE suggested that Agents interview one BILL FOLSOM of Mims, Florida, who might have some information of value.

Following is a description of LEE obtained through observation and interrogation:

Name	WILLIAM S. LEE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	43
Born	<u>11-13-08</u>
Place of birth	<u>Sanford, Florida</u>
Height	5'9"
Weight	165
Hair	Thick, pepper gray
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Build	Medium
Marital status	Married
Wife	ESTHER LEE
Residence	Mims, Florida
Occupation	Salesman Stauffer Chemical Company
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent  
ROBERT T. NISCHWITZ on January 11, 1952 at Mims, Florida:

BASIS: LUTHER TAYLOR mentioned that a JIMMIE JOHNSON was  
arrested 5 or 6 years ago for setting off dynamite  
in the Mims area. He said Sheriff WILLIAMS knew  
JOHNSON well.

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Sheriff BILL WILLIAMS of Brevard County advised that JIMMIE JOHNSON  
hasn't been in Florida for three or four years. He is presently working on  
a farm somewhere in Georgia. WILLIAMS stated that JOHNSON was sexually  
perverted. JOHNSON was an unbalanced person who set off firecrackers and  
was arrested for stealing women's underwear. WILLIAMS said JOHNSON was  
a mental case from the past war. JOHNSON was sent to a farm in Georgia to  
keep him out of trouble. WILLIAMS advised that JOHNSON was not capable  
of perpetrating the instant bombing.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT T. NISCHWITZ on January 11, 1952, at Mims, Florida.

BASIS: On initial interview of JOE EDWARD SMITH he failed to tell Agents that an unknown woman had advised him that MOORE's home had been bombed, just after Deputy Sheriff CLYDE BATES left SMITH's home in search of the blast area. This fact was uncovered in an interview with one "POPCORN", a young negro who was with SMITH Christmas night.

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JOE EDWARD SMITH, on reinterview, stated that upon being interviewed the first time he forgot about how he first learned of the bombed house being MOORE's. He stated the woman who told him of the bombing was JOCILLE DAUTRY. He said she yelled at him as he passed that MOORE's house had been bombed. He then caught up with BATES and told him.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent FRED E. GORDON on January 16, 1952:

BASIS - JEFF ELLIOTT, Governor's Investigator, advised the ASAC it was his information, having talked with Dr. R. A. CUTTER, at Titusville, Florida, that GEORGE SHARPE, next-door neighbor to the MOORE family at Mims, Florida, had received a threat telling him that he was talking too much.

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Doctor R. A. CUTTER, 106 First Street, Titusville, Florida, advised that the story about GEORGE SHARPE receiving a threat in that he was talking too much did not emanate from him. According to Dr. CUTTER, ELLIOTT was by that morning to question him as to whether or not his understanding was correct that he, CUTTER, had informed that a bus driver had been told to keep quiet, that he was talking too much.

According to CUTTER, he had told ELLIOTT this was not the truth, that it did not emanate from him, and that he must have been thinking about somebody else. As CUTTER explained, ELLIOTT said perhaps he was mistaken in this and it must have been JEAN SCOBIE, that had given him this information, and if and when the FBI Agent came to inquire of him, CUTTER, to tell them to contact JEAN SCOBIE.

JEAN SCOBIE, General Delivery, Mims, Florida, was contacted thereafter, and advised that she had been talking to Mr. ELLIOTT of the Governor's Office, and had asked him in a general conversation, if he had heard anything about GEORGE SHAPRE having received a telephone call saying that he was talking too much. According to Mrs. SCOBIE, she learned her information from her mother, MATTIE LEE RICARD, who lives at Mims, Florida.

Mrs. MATTIE LEE RICARD, General Delivery, Mims, Florida, was contacted thereafter, and advised that the information relative to SHARPE having received a telephone call advising him that he was talking too much, emanated from the Nevins Packing House, at Mims, Florida. According to Mrs. RICARD, this was just general talk and she could not attribute it to anyone in particular.

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As Mrs. RICARD went on to explain, actually all that was being said at the packing house, was that SHARPE had received a telephone call, the inference being that it was a threat.

GEORGE SHARPE, General Delivery, Mims, Florida, was contacted thereafter, and advised that he has not received any threats, either in writing, in person or by telephone call. As SHARPE pointed out, he doesn't even have a telephone and that all telephone calls that he or his family do receive must come from the CARLILE home next door.

II. INVESTIGATION RE SUSPECT A. FORTENBERRY

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS, JR. and FRANK F. MEECH on February 5, 1952, at Cocoa, Florida.

BASIS: A. FORTENBERRY was interviewed inasmuch as he was one of the suspects in instant case.

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Mr. A. FORTENBERRY, who does not have a given name, but merely an initial, was interviewed at his place of business, the Merritt Island Lumber Company on Merritt Island, Cocoa, Florida, at which time he advised he was born in 1886 near Columbus, Mississippi. He came to Florida in 1914 and homesteaded a plot of 160 acres which was granted to him under a government homesteading act.

He established the Merritt Island Lumber Company in about 1929 or 1930 and this has been his principal occupation and business since that time. Mr. FORTENBERRY personally owns the original 160 acres of land he homesteaded in 1914 and an additional 160 acres in the developed section of Merritt Island. In addition, the Merritt Island Lumber Company owns in various localities in Brevard County, somewhere between three and four thousand acres of land.

Concerning recent events, Mr. FORTENBERRY informed the Agents that for many years he has been on the County Commission and in recent years the chairman and, in addition, by reason of his being a member of the County Commission, the chairman of the Canaveral Port Authority.

In the Democratic Primary elections held in the spring of 1950 he was reelected as County Commissioner and, according to FORTENBERRY, approximately two weeks before the general elections held in November, 1950, a group of people got together and supported DAVE NISBET as his opponent. The main reason back of the group of Brevard County citizens in opposing him was that, according to FORTENBERRY, they wanted to wrest control of the Port Authority so that they could manipulate property holdings in the vicinity of the port to the advantage of certain people whom he did not identify. He was opposed while he was chairman of the Port Authority to any manipulations in favor of any individual and thus the reason for the opposition.

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FORTENBERRY had heard that the above mentioned group had raised between fifteen and twenty thousand dollars to promote DAVE NISBET in the general election.

Concerning the bombing of the resident of HARRY T. MOORE, Mr. FORTENBERRY advised he had no information which would be helpful in investigating the case. He was of the opinion that in every act of violence there had to be a motive and he could see no motive arising in Brevard County for killing HARRY MOORE. Mr. FORTENBERRY had heard of MOORE but had never met him. He understood that for some time before MOORE's death he was active in NAACP and Progressive Voters League of Florida, Inc. work; however, this was hearsay and without direct knowledge on his part.

Concerning the recent election Mr. FORTENBERRY advised that he did not believe the final outcome had anything to do with MOORE's death. His opposition in the election did without question go after the negro vote but he personally did not know what part MOORE played in county politics. He said he has heard that some of the politicians in the county who were opposing him did meet with HARRY MOORE and turn over to him money to be used to swing the negro vote. As far as FORTENBERRY was concerned, this was strictly rumor. It was also rumored, according to FORTENBERRY, that someone in Brevard County had reached HARRY MOORE and had gotten him to support DAVE NISBET for County Commissioner. FORTENBERRY also heard it rumored that MOORE was instrumental in swinging the negro vote to DAVE NISBET. In past elections, according to FORTENBERRY, the negro voting population in Brevard County had supported him.

Mr. FORTENBERRY advised the Agents he had no feeling himself toward HARRY MOORE whatsoever as a result of the election but his friends blamed his defeat, not on MOORE or the negroes, but "on the white people who stopped so low as to solicit the negro vote". He stated he personally never contacted MOORE or solicited him for assistance in the election and to his knowledge none of his friends had attempted to get to MOORE to receive his support in the election. It was FORTENBERRY's belief that MOORE was acting as a go-between from the politicians opposing him to the negroes in Brevard County.

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Mr. FORTENBERRY advised he had never heard any of his friends or associates make any statements or indicate any feelings toward MOORE which would indicate to him that any attempt would be made to injure or kill him or in any way take vengeance on him.

Officially, as chairman of the County Commission, Mr. FORTENBERRY had no connections whatsoever with MOORE with regard to his past school activities as the Brevard County Board of Instruction is an independent county unity with full authority for handling all school problems and, therefore, he would have no reason to come in contact with HARRY MOORE officially.

He believed the death of HARRY MOORE was caused by some of his activities elsewhere in the state of Florida "because it looked like a professional job according to the papers". Mr. FORTENBERRY did not believe there was anyone in Brevard County with experience with explosives to set up the explosion that killed MOORE.

Mr. FORTENBERRY believed MOORE's death resulted from people in the south and that they may have been some of the "racketeers" in West Palm Beach or points south. He stated he based this opinion on the fact the bombing appeared to have been the work of a person or persons experienced in this type of violence, which activities are generally attributed to the racketeering and gangster elements. Mr. FORTENBERRY had no information upon which he could base such a belief and no information to indicate HARRY MOORE was involved with any gambling elements anywhere in the state. He said any man who could swing a block of votes would certainly be of interest to the gambling element and in the event they were ever double-crossed in any election issue they would not hesitate to do away with their doublecrosser.

He advised that the negroes get out a slate the night before an election and all voting negroes are given slips of paper showing how to vote. The individual who is able to swing the negro vote will have recorded on the slips of paper those persons he desires in office and as a result the negro vote goes in a solid block. Mr. FORTENBERRY does not believe voting in a block is democratic and he personally is against such activities. He does not know how much influence MOORE had in this regard but he had heard that MOORE was after control of the negro vote and wanted social equality.



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Mr. FORTENBERRY said that in the event the bombing was done by people in Brevard County it was his belief it would have been done by negroes rather than white people. He based this belief on the fact that if MOORE had trouble with anyone it would more likely be with his own race than with white people.

He stated that the ratio of colored voters to white voters at Mims is greater than in Cocoa although he pointed out the colored vote in Cocoa is numerically larger than at Mims. The colored voting population in Cocoa amounts to approximately 30% of the entire Brevard County colored vote.

Mr. FORTENBERRY advised that he was instrumental in the publication of the county newspaper named "East Coast Trade Winds". The paper company is a stock company with a majority of stock being controlled by the Merritt Island Lumber Company. The editor of the paper is one RALPH MOODY who is employed out of Orlando. The newspaper was started to carry on the progress of the Canaveral Port project. He was the founder of the Port and was the driving force while he was chairman of the Port Authority but, according to him, the Port was dying a natural death since his defeat as County Commissioner and removal as a member of the Port Authority.

Inasmuch as previous investigation indicated that EARL T. "TRIGGER" GRIGGS had been sent to a negro election meeting on Merritt Island with the purpose of breaking up the meeting, Mr. FORTENBERRY was questioned concerning his knowledge of this. He said he recalled hearing something about a meeting being held on Merritt Island, he believed just prior to the primary election in the spring of 1950. He said County Road Patrolman GRIGGS happened to be driving by a church on Merritt Island and, seeing quite a gathering of colored people and noticing three white men were present, he stopped to see if there was any trouble and what was going on. According to FORTENBERRY, when GRIGGS ascertained it was a peaceful meeting, that there was no trouble existing, he merely departed. FORTENBERRY denied sending GRIGGS to the meeting to find out what was going on or to break up the meeting. Upon inquiry Mr. FORTENBERRY said that GRIGGS is not only the County Road Patrolman but also a Deputy Sheriff and while his jurisdiction is usually limited to traffic on the highway, it is his duty upon seeing any trouble anywhere in the county to investigate the matter. He said he had taken no interest in the meeting and did not recall who the white men were but had heard that DOYLE CARLTON was one of the three men present discussing the election with the negroes.

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The Agents advised FORTENBERRY that it was noted his newspaper, the "East Coast Trade Winds", one issue of which was published on Thursday, December 27, 1951, and the next on Thursday, January 3, 1952, the first after the bombing and the second after HARRJETT MOORE died, contained no information of the events, to which FORTENBERRY replied that the daily newspapers had carried full accounts of the bombing and he had not sent any reporters to the scene and therefore had no information to publish in the newspaper.

Concerning his general attitude in regard to the negroes, Mr. FORTENBERRY advised he is of the opinion that the negroes should be protected by the laws as well as the whites.

It is to be noted that Sheriff H. T. WILLIAMS of Brevard County advised that A. FORTENBERRY had on February 5, 1952, announced his candidacy for Florida State Representative from Brevard County in the forthcoming election.

The following is a description of FORTENBERRY obtained from interrogation and observation:

Name	A. FORTENBERRY (no given name)
Age	65
Birth date	1886 (month and date unknown)
Birthplace	near Columbus, Mississippi
Race	white
Sex	male
Height	5'10"
Weight	185
Build	heavy
Eyes	blue
Hair	grey
Complexion	ruddy
Scars and marks	mole right cheek
Marital status	married
Wife	FANNIE MAE

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Half brother

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ANDREW FORTENBERRY, Hattiesburg,  
Mississippi

III. INVESTIGATION RE SUSPECT EARL J. BROOKLYN

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents CLYDE P. ADERHOLD and PRUE G. CLINKSCALES on January 30, 1952, at Mims, Florida.

BASTS: Exhibition of photographs of suspects and others to [redacted] Mims, Florida, who observed two men in Mims about July or August, 1951, who inquired as to the whereabouts of HARRY T. MOORE residence. Photos also exhibited to [redacted] with negative results.  
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Photographs in various poses of suspects TILLMAN HOLLEY BELVIN and EARL J. BROOKLYN, along with photographs of [redacted] were exhibited to [redacted] at his residence at Mims, Florida, in an effort to determine whether or not [redacted] could identify photographs of any of these individuals as being identical with either or both of the white men who had appeared at the Mims Sundry Store about July or August, 1951, inquiring as to the whereabouts and residence of victim HARRY T. MOORE.

During the group exhibition of these photographs [redacted] deliberately studied these photographs and picked from the group the standing photograph of suspect EARL J. BROOKLYN, stating that he could not positively identify this photograph as that of one of the men inquiring about MOORE's whereabouts but that this photograph more closely resembled one of the two men making the inquiry than any he has viewed.

[redacted] advised that the size and build of suspect BROOKLYN compared very favorably with that of the heavy and stocky individual making the inquiry.

It is to be noted that in looking through the group of photographs exhibited to him [redacted] picked the standing photograph of suspect BROOKLYN from the midst of the group, laid it aside, subsequently placed it back in the group of photographs and again, while studying them in detail, selected this standing photograph of BROOKLYN.

It is also noted that [redacted] failed to identify and pick out the photograph of suspect TILLMAN H. BELVIN as that of the other individual making inquiry about MOORE. [redacted] stated that he would make a positive identification of a photograph only when absolutely certain of the identity and volunteered to view other photographs of other suspects when obtained.

The above mentioned photographs were also exhibited to [redacted] who had been in the Mims Sundry Store when the two unknown individuals inquired as to the whereabouts of MOORE's residence. [redacted] was unable to make any identification of any of the photographs, but stated the photograph of [redacted] seemed familiar.

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#### IV. INVESTIGATION RE SUSPECT TILLMAN H. BELVIN

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH and JAMES P. SHANNON on January 26, 1952, at Orlando, Florida.

BASIS: JAMES CICERO EVERETT was interviewed inasmuch as he was identified by TILLMAN BELVIN as an influential Klansman who was instrumental in electing BELVIN as Exalted Cyclops in order to combat the radical element of the Klan.

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JAMES CICERO EVERETT, 47 Halbe Avenue, Orlando, who is a real estate salesman associated with the Don Asher Realty Company on North Orange Avenue, furnished the following information:

He exhibited card number 74567 showing membership in the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, location 7-1-002, being paid up until December, 1952.

EVERETT, who is 33 years of age, born in Georgia, has been in the Orlando area thirty years and has known TILLMAN "CURLY" BELVIN all his life through his, EVERETT's, father who was active in the old Klan with BELVIN. EVERETT admitted being the Exalted Cyclops of various Klaverns of the different organizations of the Klan three or four times and was the Exalted Cyclops of the Orlando Den of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan until BILL HENDRIX decided to run for Governor sometime in April, 1951.

About three or four years ago the members of the Florida Klan had a dispute as to whether or not to go into the Association of Georgia Klans or the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. At that time EVERETT was of the opinion TILLMAN BELVIN was the man who could do more than anyone else to hold the Florida Klan together. EVERETT was interested in preventing the members of the Florida Klan from joining either the Georgia Klan or the Southern Knights, believing that they should be one Klan and he thought TILLMAN BELVIN could work with all Klansmen in Orlando because he was such an old, active and reliable member of the Klan. It was EVERETT's understanding that BELVIN at first stayed with the old group and would not go into the Association of Georgia Klans or the Southern Knights. He claimed he has been out of touch with BELVIN for the past six years (which is probably a misstatement as he and BELVIN were in the Florida Klan together four years ago.)

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When the members of the old Florida Klan started to split into the two groups, the Georgia Klan and the Southern Knights, the Florida chapter ceased to exist but a fund was set up in order to pay the various fees to maintain the old Florida state chapter on file in Tallahassee.

EVERETT claimed he went over to the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan because it was a more democratic organization, conducting elections on a local, state and national basis whereas in the Association of Georgia Klans certain men set themselves up as the national leaders and the membership had no choice. He claimed the Association of Georgia Klans has an imperialistic way of doing things and that one man (SAM ROPER) is "high and mighty". EVERETT heard that after the Groveland incidents there was a further split-up in the Georgia Klan in the Orlando area but he has no specific or accurate information to furnish on that split-up.

He does not think that any official organization of the Klan took official action at the time of the Groveland incidents in the summer of 1949 but believes the incidents occurred spontaneously before any of the Klans could actually take any official or unofficial action. It is his conviction that Sheriff WILLIS McCALL was being handed a "rough deal" by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People who were flooding money into the Lake County area in order to annoy and harrass McCALL.

He further related that after the Florida Klan split into the Georgia Klan and the Southern Knights there was considerable argument as to who should use the clubhouse on Winter Garden Road. He stated that the Southern Knights at Orlando voted to forego any interest in the clubhouse and the Georgia Klans at Orlando finally took over the use of the clubhouse.

EVERETT attended the official meetings of the Orlando Den of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan regularly until April, 1951 when BILL HENDRIX, the leader, announced that he was a candidate for governor of Florida. EVERETT advised he does not believe Klans should be used as a political football, that he has never been able to get along with BILL HENDRIX and has been a "thorn in HENDRIX' side".

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The only meeting of the Southern Knights EVERETT has attended in the past six months was the one meeting just before Christmas, 1951. EVERETT claimed he has never been on a "ride", knows nothing of "rides", and explained that such activities are never discussed in the Klavern, no one knows anything about them officially and it is a Klan rule that whoever engages in a "ride" is on his own.

There is one Den of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Orlando, one Den in Apopka, but none in Winter Park, Florida, according to EVERETT.

When questioned concerning HARRY MOORE and the Mims explosion EVERETT advised that his wife has told him that HARRY MOORE is mentioned in the book "The Scottsboro Boy". He stated he had read the book some time ago prior to instant crime but did not recall the name being used. He stated the name HARRY MOORE meant nothing to him until after he read it in the newspaper after MOORE was killed in the explosion at Mims. He knows nothing of any persons who are terrorists or who might have engaged in such an act as instant crime. He claimed he has tried to get away from that element and that is one of the reasons he left the group in Orlando to join the Southern Knights.

EARL BROOKLYN was a prominent member of the group that joined the Georgia Klan and generally was opposed to the group which EVERETT supported.

He remarked that "when you can't sit down and talk and reason with a person you shouldn't have anything to do with him but leave him alone", referring to EARL BROOKLYN. He further described BROOKLYN as a man who would "look pretty good to a kid who might think he was wonderful", indicating that BROOKLYN would appeal to the young, adventurous type of person. He characterized BROOKLYN as a "brute" and a "pretty rugged character" who wants his own way, had his own radical ideas and could not be dissuaded from it. He was never able to reason with EARL BROOKLYN who was of the type who would be inclined to take the law into his own hands in certain cases, such as a case that might involve a person molesting a child. It would be BROOKLYN's belief that the molester should be beaten rather than brought to court. He said he did not want to have anything to do with persons like EARL BROOKLYN and this was one of the reasons he went over to the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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✓✓ Mr. EVERETT in reply to a specific question advised that [redacted] was one of the younger persons of a group in the split-up who stayed with the Association of Georgia Klans. He knows nothing of the Klan activities of [redacted]. He further advised that the name [redacted] sounded familiar and volunteered that the Klans in Apopka broke into two factions of the Georgia Klan and the Southern Knights at about the same time as the Groveland incidents. He believed that [redacted] who lives in Orlando and works in the A & P at Winter Park, who is about 6'2" tall and weighs 235 pounds, is a very nice fellow, is a member of his, EVERETT's, Den and "could be Exalted Cyclops".

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Mr. EVERETT, who was in the service under U. S. Air Force Serial Number 14052613, appeared to be a responsible and reputable citizen. He insisted that he knows nothing of the bombing of MCORE's home and has never seen or heard of any floor plans or diagrams of the MCORE home at any time.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents OLYDE P. ADERHOLD and PRUE G. CLINKSCALES on January 30, 1952, at Mims, Florida.

BASTS: Exhibition of photographs of suspects and others to [redacted] Mims, Florida, who observed two men in Mims about July or August, 1951, who inquired as to the whereabouts of HARRY T. MOORE residence. Photos also exhibited to [redacted] with negative results.

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Photographs in various poses of suspects TILLMAN HOLLEY [redacted] and EARL J. BROOKLYN along with photographs of [redacted] were exhibited to [redacted] at his residence at Mims, Florida, in an effort to determine whether or not [redacted] could identify photographs of any of these individuals as being identical with either or both of the white men who had appeared at the Mims Sundry Store about July or August, 1951, inquiring as to the whereabouts and residence of victim HARRY T. MOORE.

In looking through the group of photographs exhibited to him [redacted] failed to identify and pick out the photograph of suspect TILLMAN H. BELVIN as that of one of the individuals making inquiry about MOORE.

The above mentioned photographs were also exhibited to [redacted] who had been in the Mims Sundry Store when the two unknown individuals inquired as to the whereabouts of MOORE's residence. [redacted] was unable to make any identification of any of the photographs, but stated the photograph of [redacted] seemed familiar.



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V. INVESTIGATION RE SUSPECT JAMES B. JOHNSON

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents CLYDE P. ADHERHOLD and PRUE C. CLINKSCALES on January 27 to February 2, 1952.

BASIS: ARTHUR HENRY HOLLAND, colored, taxi driver at Winter Garden, Florida, who was shot and beaten by a group of white men on January 12, 1952, described one of the white men as being about 45 years old, short, stocky build, wearing glasses and a billed cap. HOLLAND also observed that one of the cars in which they were riding was a new blue Henry J automobile. Investigation reflects that JAMES B. JOHNSON has a similar physical description to that given by HOLLAND and is the owner of a new blue Henry J. automobile.

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Chief Criminal Deputy Sheriff JAMES J. MITCHELL of the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, Florida, advised that in his opinion JAMES B. JOHNSON was one of the group of white men that shot and beat ARTHUR HENRY HOLLAND, a colored taxi driver at Winter Garden, Florida, on January 12, 1952. MITCHELL recalled that HOLLAND had stated that the man that reached into the car and pulled him out was about 45 years old; was wearing glasses and a billed cap and had a short stocky build. MITCHELL also advised that HOLLAND had stated that one of the cars in which the white men were riding was a new blue Henry J and that JOHNSON owned a new blue Henry J which was similar to that described by HOLLAND.

Confidential Informant T-1 of known reliability, advised that he has known JOHNSON for a long period of time and that he considers him to be a trouble maker. He said he was of the definite opinion that JOHNSON had participated in the shooting and beating of ARTHUR HENRY HOLLAND and that he was also sure that JOHNSON had participated in the blowing up of the Creamette Frozen Custard Stand at Orlando on November 1, 1951. Informant said he had no proof that JOHNSON had actually participated in this explosion but he knew JOHNSON was certainly capable of doing a job of this type.

Informant advised that he had heard the description of the man that had pulled HOLLAND from his taxi and that this description fit perfectly the description of JOHNSON.

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The informant advised further that JAMES B. JOHNSON has a brother named ART JOHNSON who is also of poor reputation and character and is just as capable as JAMES B. JOHNSON of beating and shooting a negro. Informant also advised that he was confident that JOHNSON was involved in the shooting and killing of MELVIN WOMACK, colored, at Oakland, Florida, in approximately June, 1951. He said that if JOHNSON would talk he could probably clear up at least four shootings and beatings in the West Orange County area. Informant said that JAMES B. JOHNSON is the owner of the Johnson Sewing Machine Exchange, 1100 East Colonial Drive, Orlando.

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Confidential Informant T-3 of known reliability, who is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, advised that JOHNSON is a member of the Klan at Winter Garden, Florida. He stated JOHNSON has a very poor reputation and that he is of the opinion JOHNSON has participated in a number of crimes against negroes in the West Orange County area. This informant stated further that JOHNSON has two brothers, one named [redacted] who is of good character and reputation, and one known as [redacted], who is of very poor reputation. Informant believes that JAMES and his brother often participated together in terrorist activities.

MELVIN WILLS, co-owner of Wills and Wills Battery Company, Orlando, Florida, advised he lived next door to JAMES B. JOHNSON in Windemere, Florida. He said that as far as he knew JOHNSON was of good reputation and that he had no knowledge of JOHNSON's participating in Klan activities. WILLS could not furnish any information as to JOHNSON's activities or whereabouts on Christmas Day, 1951. He was certain he had spent no appreciable length of time with JOHNSON on Christmas Day or the two preceding days or he would have recalled same.

It was personally observed by Agents that JAMES B. JOHNSON is the owner of a 1951 blue Henry J automobile bearing 1952 Florida license 7D 188.

Records of the Florida State Drivers License Bureau, Orange County Court House, Orlando, Florida, reflect the following description for JAMES B. JOHNSON:

Address	1100 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida
Age	43
Birth date	<u>November 15, 1908</u>
Height	5'5"
Weight	185

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Eyes brown, wears glasses

Records of the Credit Bureau of Orange County reflect that JOHNSON is married and his wife's name is MARTHA. He is listed as the owner of the Johnson Sewing Machine Exchange located at 1100 East Colonial Drive, Orlando. These files contain a newspaper clipping of the Orlando Sentinel-Star dated July 8, 1951, which reflected that J. B. JOHNSON and his brother, ART, were arrested at Titusville, Florida, for assaulting two youths. This article reflected further that JAMES B. JOHNSON and his brother had been released on \$1000.00 bonds.

L. D. TRIPPE, manager of the Credit Bureau, stated he could not locate a record for [redacted]. He said he was well acquainted with JAMES and [redacted] JOHNSON and that they are of very poor reputation. He said he believed that [redacted] true name is [redacted] and that this [redacted] the Acme Vacuum Cleaner Company in Orlando. Credit records reflect that [redacted] resides at [redacted] Orlando, Florida.

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No record was located for JAMES B. JOHNSON in the files of the Orlando Police Department or Orange County Sheriff's Office.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents PRUE C. CLINKSCALES and GLYDE P. ADERHOLD on February 5 and 6, 1952.

BASIS: Information furnished to Agents by Deputy United States Marshal FRANK M. DURRANCE as received from T-2 to the effect that suspects J. B. JOHNSON and [redacted], while talking to T-2 at Cocoa, Florida, during the summer of 1951 had made threatening remarks against victim HARRY T. MOORE.

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On February 5, 1952, Deputy United States Marshall FRANK M. DURRANCE, Post Office Building, Orlando, Florida, advised Special Agents GLYDE P. ADERHOLD and PRUE C. CLINKSCALES that when in recent contact with an acquaintance, Confidential Informant T-2 this informant had mentioned to him that during the summer of 1951 one JOHNSON who operates an electrical appliance place and sewing machine business in Orlando, Florida, and his brother had asked the informant if he was interested in joining the Ku Klux Klan. DURRANCE stated that after the informant declined, JOHNSON and his brother had reportedly made remarks to the effect that negroes were getting out of hand and indicated that the Klan intended to do something about it. According to DURRANCE, JOHNSON had specifically mentioned victim HARRY T. MOORE during the conversation with the informant.

On February 6, 1952, Confidential Informant T-2 was interviewed and advised that during June or early July, 1951, a man by the name of JOHNSON who operates an electrical appliance and sewing machine business in Orlando, and JOHNSON's brother, had approached this informant at his place of employment near Cocoa, Florida. JOHNSON inquired about an attorney to represent him, requesting the informant to recommend an attorney. After the informant mentioned one or two attorneys JOHNSON related that sometime prior to this contact he and his brother had been accused of beating up two young white boys at Titusville, Florida. Informant related that he learned that JOHNSON and his brother had been hunting turtles and that two young boys, after locating a large turtle, were reportedly told by JOHNSON that the

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game warden was nearby and JOHNSON advised them to dispose of the turtle. The boys reportedly had hid the turtle in some bushes and departed; while they were gone JOHNSON and his brother allegedly stole the boys' turtle and when the boys returned looking for their turtle and found it gone they left to seek JOHNSON and his brother. They located the truck which JOHNSON and his brother were driving at a nearby bridge and observed in JOHNSON's truck the turtle which was stolen from them. When they accused JOHNSON and his brother of stealing their turtle the boys were reportedly beaten up by JOHNSON and his brother.

Informant advised that local authorities later identified and obtained warrants for JOHNSON and his brother and caused their arrest. It was after JOHNSON's arrest that he had contacted the informant.

During the conversation between the JOHNSONS and the informant when JOHNSON inquired about an attorney, JOHNSON asked the informant if he would be interested in joining the Ku Klux Klan, JOHNSON indicating he was organizing a Klavern in Cocoa, Florida. This informant advised he had been a Klan member some ten or fifteen years ago but now disagreed with Klan policy and activities and he advised JOHNSON that he definitely did not desire to become a Klan member or engage in any Klan activities now. This informant stated JOHNSON indicated that he was an active official in the Klan and stated that negroes were now getting out of hand and something had to be done. Informant advised that JOHNSON stated that "There's a biggety s--o--b---, HARRY MOORE, at Mims, Florida, who is getting out of hand". Informant advised that JOHNSON mentioned that MOORE had made some statements or remarks concerning the Groveland rape case which JOHNSON apparently did not like. To the best of the informant's knowledge and recollection JOHNSON also indicated that something was going to happen to HARRY T. MOORE or that MOORE would be taken care of.

T-2 advised he had known JOHNSON and his brother casually for several months prior to that time as they had fished at various intervals in the vicinity of Cocoa. He concluded, however, that he has not observed JOHNSON and his brother fishing in this vicinity since the contact mentioned above. Informant added that during that time JOHNSON and his brother travelled in an old model pick-up truck while fishing in that vicinity. Informant stated to his knowledge no one else heard the above conversation between himself and JOHNSON. He also advised that to his knowledge there is no KKK Klavern or Klan activity in Cocoa, Florida.

VI. INVESTIGATION RE SUSPECT ALFONSO F. SCHMITT

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents GLYDE P. ADERHOLD and PRUE C. GLINKSCALES on January 19, 21, 22, 25 to 31, and February 1 and 2, 1952.

~~X~~ BASIS: Information furnished by T-3 that ALFONSO F. SCHMITT, aka Alex, and ROBERT L. JUDAH, both residents of Winter Garden, Florida, compared favorably with the descriptions of the two men who made inquiry about HARRY T. MOORE at Mims, Florida, during July or August, 1951. Informant advised SCHMITT and JUDAH are active members of the Winter Garden Klan of the Association of Georgia Klans and are capable of instigating and perpetrating a crime such as the bombing of the MOORE residence.

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Confidential Informant T-3 of known reliability, who is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, advised on January 19, 1952, that after consideration of the descriptions of the two individuals who reportedly made inquiry at Mims, Florida, during July or August, 1951, as to the residence and whereabouts of victim HARRY T. MOORE, he felt that the description of the taller man making this inquiry compared very favorably with the physical description of ALFONSO F. SCHMITT, aka Alex Schmitt, members of the Winter Garden Klan of the Association of Georgia Klans. T-3 stated that SCHMITT has been employed as a foreman for several years at the Winter Garden Citrus Growers Cooperative; that SCHMITT has been an active member of the Ku Klux Klan in Winter Garden; is believed to have been involved in some of the terrorist activities in Winter Garden and West Orange County during the past two years and it was felt by the informant that SCHMITT is capable of instigating or perpetrating a crime such as the bombing of the MOORE residence at Mims, Florida.

The informant stated he believed SCHMITT to have been involved in the murder of MELVIN WOMACK, colored, who was shot to death by a group of white men in about July, 1951 near Winter Garden, Florida. He also believed that SCHMITT participated in the beating and shooting of R. J. WOODARD, colored, age 17, at Winter Garden, Florida, during the latter part of 1950. Informant believed further that SCHMITT participated in the shooting and beating of a negro taxi driver named ARTHUR HENRY HOLLAND at Winter Garden on January 12, 1952. Informant said he had no proof SCHMITT participated in these crimes, but knowing SCHMITT's character and reputation in Winter Garden, he believed him to be an active participant in these incidents.

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ROBERT BARR, office manager, Winter Garden Citrus Growers Cooperative, advised that SCHMITT has been employed as a field foreman for a number of years and that as far as he knew SCHMITT has a good reputation. BARR stated he knows nothing of SCHMITT's Klan activities; that he has never been involved in any trouble with the company to his knowledge, adding that he only knew that SCHMITT and his children do attend the Winter Garden Methodist Church where BARR attends. BARR could furnish very little additional information except to state that SCHMITT has resided on Dillard Street near the outskirts of Winter Garden for several years. He had no personnel records to furnish additional data regarding SCHMITT. BARR also advised that the Winter Garden Citrus Growers Cooperative had not used dynamite in setting out of new groves. He stated that approximately two years ago some grower members had hired some explosive expert to do this type of work but that to his knowledge there is no dynamite to which SCHMITT might have had access in or through the Winter Garden Citrus Growers Cooperative.

Chief of Police MAYNARD MANN, Winter Garden, advised that SCHMITT has resided in Winter Garden for about twelve or fifteen years and that as far as he knew SCHMITT had a good reputation. Chief MANN knew nothing of SCHMITT's Klan activities but stated that SCHMITT could well be active in the Klan without MANN's having knowledge of same. Chief MANN knew of no access SCHMITT might have to dynamite in Winter Garden, stating that only the work crews of the Florida Power and Light Company in Winter Garden have access to or maintain and use dynamite in their daily work. He advised that he had heard of the beating of the colored boy, R. J. WOODARD, about 1½ years ago several days after it allegedly took place. He stated he was of the opinion that WOODARD had remained in jail overnight the night he was beaten and that he had received no information that SCHMITT was or was not involved in the beating and shooting of WOODARD.

Agents personally observed that a 1950 or 1951 dark grey four-door Chevrolet is usually parked in the garage at the SCHMITT residence. This car does not compare favorably with the descriptions furnished by ARTHUR HENRY HOLLAND of the three cars used by the men who beat him on the night of January 12, 1952.

Records of the Orlando Credit Bureau reflected that ALFONSO F. SCHMITT and wife, EDNA D. SCHMITT, receive mail at P.O. Box 162, Winter Garden, Florida, and have bought real estate in Winter Garden.

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The following physical description was obtained for ALFONSO F. SCHMITT from the Orange County Drivers License records:

Race	white
Sex	male
Age	48
Birth date	<u>October 30, 1903</u>
Height	6'
Weight	177
Hair	black
Eyes	brown
Occupation	foreman

No record was located in the files of the Orlando Police Department or Orange County Sheriff's Office for ALFONSO F. SCHMITT.



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VII. INVESTIGATION RE SUSPECT ROBERT L. JUDAH

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents CLYDE P. ADERHOLD and PRUE C. CLINKSCALES on January 19, 21, 22, 25 to 31, and February 1 and 2, 1952.

BASIS: Information furnished by T-3 that ALFONSO F. SCHMITT, aka Alex, and ROBERT L. JUDAH, both residents of Winter Garden, Florida, compared favorably with the descriptions of the two men who made inquiry about HARRY T. MOORE at Mims, Florida, during July or August, 1951. Informant advised SCHMITT and JUDAH are active members of the Winter Garden Klan of the Association of Georgia Klans and are capable of instigating and perpetrating a crime such as the bombing of the MOORE residence.

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Confidential Informant T-3 of known reliability, who is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, advised that in considering the descriptions furnished for the two men who made inquiry in July or August, 1951, at Mims, Florida, regarding the whereabouts and residence of victim HARRY T. MOORE, he felt that the description furnished for the short, heavy-set individual making inquiries compared favorably with the physical description of ROBERT L. JUDAH. He advised that JUDAH is an active member of the Winter Garden Klan of the Association of Georgia Klans. He advised that JUDAH has been employed for several years by the Winter Garden Citrus Growers Cooperative, in what capacity the informant did not know. Informant did state, however, that JUDAH is a close associate of ALFONSO F. SCHMITT, also a Klan member; that JUDAH lives in the country southeast of Winter Garden; that both are believed to have been involved in recent terrorist activities in Winter Garden and West Orange County. He stated that JUDAH, as well as SCHMITT, is capable of instigating and perpetrating the bombing of the MOORE residence at Mims. In this regard informant advised he considered JUDAH the "strong-arm man" for SCHMITT and would likely stand back and be prepared for any strong-arm activities while SCHMITT did any talking that was to be done. Informant had no definite information but believed it quite possible that JUDAH might have been involved in the beating and shooting of several colored people in the Winter Garden area during the past two years.

Inquiry at the Winter Garden Post Office reflects that JUDAH maintains residence on Route 1, Winter Garden, Florida.

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ROBERT BARR, office manager for the Winter Garden Citrus Growers Cooperative, advised that he was not personally acquainted with JUDAH but that his payroll records reflected that JUDAH has worked for the company for a number of years as a tractor driver. BARR knew nothing concerning JUDAH's character or reputation and had no information as to whether or not JUDAH was a member or active in Klan activities.

WILLIAM MARTIN, a mechanic employed at the Winter Garden Citrus Growers Cooperative, advised that JUDAH has worked there since before the last World War. He said that JUDAH was in the military service during the war and that after the war he returned to his job at the Cooperative. MARTIN stated he thought JUDAH to be of good character and reputation and had no information to the effect that JUDAH was a member of the Klan.

Chief of Police MAYNARD MANN, Winter Garden, Florida, advised he knew ROBERT L. JUDAH only by name and that he had no arrest record for JUDAH. MANN said he had no information which would indicate JUDAH had participated in any terrorist activities in or around Winter Garden.

Records of the Orlando Credit Bureau in a report dated August, 1949, reflected only that an honorable discharge from the United States Navy had been filed by ROBERT L. JUDAH with the Clerk of the Orange County Circuit Court on December 9, 1945. No Navy Serial Number was shown.

The following data regarding ROBERT L. JUDAH was obtained from the Orange County Voters Registration records and Automobile Registration records:

Race	white
Sex	male
Birth date	December 31, 1921
Birthplace	Louisiana
Height	5'8½"
Weight	194
Hair	brown
Eyes	brown
Occupation	citrus worker
Residence address	P.O. Box 294, Winter Garden
Vehicle	1946 Chevrolet pick-up truck, 1951 Florida license 7GH751

No records were located for ROBERT L. JUDAH in the files of the Orlando Police Department or Orange County Sheriff's Office.

VIII. INTERVIEWS OF "RENEGADE" KLANSMEN, APOPKA, FLORIDA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH and JAMES P. SHANNON at Apopka, Florida on January 21, 1952:

BASIS: EMMETT MONROE HART was interviewed inasmuch as he was reputed to be one of the renegades of the KKK.

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EMMETT MONROE HART of 210 E. 5th Street, Apopka, Florida, a mechanic employed by the Minute Maid Company at its plant at Plymouth, Florida, upon interview furnished the following information:

He hasn't had any dealings with the Ku Klux Klan in over two years, his last membership card in the Association of Georgia Klans, Apopka, Florida being in 1949. He originally joined the Ku Klux Klan in Orlando, Florida in 1926, transferred from there to the Winter Garden group of the Klan ten or twelve years ago and in 1947 transferred to the Apopka Lodge of the Georgia Klan. He complained that the Klan might be a good organization "if it wasn't for the trouble two or three persons caused by wanting to run it, collecting dues and then busting it up."

HART alleged he left the Klan because he got into an argument with BILL BOGAR and FRED REISNER about the elections in which BILL BOGAR was running for Exalted Cyclops. He remarked BILL BOGAR wouldn't let other people's money alone and further described him as a pretty bad egg. He was having arguments among the members of the Klan.

Just prior to the time he left the KLAN, HART claims that the Exalted Cyclops was Old Man SHEPHERD, the Secretary was R. G. STEVENS (deceased), the Treasurer was FRED REISNER and BILL BOGAR held some other office. JOE WADE also held one of the offices of the Klan at the time.

HART claims he would not trust BILL BOGAR under any circumstances and knows that BOGAR fought WADE for the leadership of the Apopka Klan after he, HART, left the Klan. HART claims he was not a member of the Georgia Klan at the time of the actual election of officers in which BILL BOGAR was supposed to run for Exalted Cyclops and also insists he did not know whether or not BOGAR was ever elected.

At the time he left the Apopka Lodge of the Georgia Klan HART claims there were approximately 75 members in that lodge in good standing and that usually 35 members attended the meetings. Incidentally, he believed there were 100 members in the Winter Garden lodge, when he transferred there

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over ten or twelve years ago. HART insists that he hasn't had anything to do with the Klan and knows nothing about its operation since he left prior to the election of officers of the Apopka Lodge of the Association of Georgia Klans (undoubtedly referring to a time in December, 1948). He pays no attention to BILL BOGAR because he is one of the reasons why he left the Klan.

He insists he has never been on any "rides" or demonstrations and was not at Groveland at the time of the incidents in the summer of 1949. He admits that eight or ten years ago he was in two parades conducted by the Winter Garden group in the City of Apopka, Florida. When asked if these parades were conducted by hooded Klansmen he replied "No."

HART further claims that plenty of things are laid to the Klan that the Klan doesn't know anything about. Generally he believes that all terrorist activities laid to the Klan by the newspapers were done by people other than Klansmen and may be laid to the Communists.

He states he does not know who HARRY MOORE is and has never been in Mims and only knows about MOORE and Mims from what he reads in the newspaper.

No one has approached him to join any of the lodges of the Klans since last fall. JOE WADE asked him to rejoin the Klan two months ago, the identity of the Klavern or organization of the Klan not stated. FRED REISNER also approached him to rejoin the Klan in the fall of 1951.

The Winter Garden group of the Klan met in a hall in a building where a Dentist ARNOLD had his office, which building is across the street from Dr. HARTER. The Apopka group of the Klan met in its own building on an island at Fuller's Lake, which island is owned by HERMIT SMITH of Plymouth, Florida, a member of the Apopka lodge.

During the interview HART made the following observations as a result of questions posed:

ALTON DIXON, Jr. is one of his sons-in-law and left for service in the U.S. Army in one of the Carolinas two weeks ago;

ALTON DIXON, Sr. is at Johnson's Fishing Camp at Walker's corner, five miles out of Orlando on the Winter Garden Road to Ocoee, Florida;

EARL BROOKLYN was in the Orlando group while he, HART, was a

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member there. He knew EARL BROOKLYN years ago but hasn't seen him in recent years and does not know anything bad about EARL BROOKLYN;

CURLY BELVIN is a mechanic who had his shop on Hughey Street in Orlando;

MORGAN HOWARD is a man with one eye who is a pretty good fellow;

ROY RAMSEY never belonged to the Apopka Lodge while he, HART, was in it - HART claims he has not seen ROY RAMSEY in over a year;

EDGAR KING has the service station across from the Standard Oil Station in Apopka;

NAT RYAN is a former Klansman who owned the Ryan Hardware Store in Apopka, who is a good friend of his;

WALTER GODING, 23 years of age, is a son-in-law of HART's and was formerly an officer in one of the Klan lodges, and is now in the Korean area in the U. S. Navy on the S.S. WISCONSIN.

Wherever no statement is made as to whether or not the persons above mentioned were affiliated with the Klan, HART refused to state whether or not such a person was in the Klan now or ever was in the Klan.

HART admitted knowing ALFONSO SCHMITT and LEE DAVIS of Winter Garden but refused to make any statement as to whether or not they were affiliated with the Klan. He also knew PHILLIP HUGGINS but refused to make any statement as to his Klan affiliations.

The following persons were mentioned to HART but he stated he was not acquainted with them:


WILLIAM HARTZOG  
R. G. HOWELL  
EVERETT BRANTLEY

BUCK WILLIAMS  
EDGAR BRANTLEY  
ROBERT L. JUDAH.

The following is a description of EMMETT MONROE HART as obtained through observation and interrogation:

Race	White
Born	<del>8-10-06</del>
Place of birth	<del>Hazelhurst, Georgia</del>

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Height	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	140
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Thin
Father	EDWARD HART (deceased)
Mother	MARY HARRISON, nee McCALL, now re- siding Rochelle, Georgia
Brother	NEWTON HART, Rochelle, Georgia
Half-brothers	JOHN L. HARRISON KINSEY HARRISON
Half-Sister	Mrs. RAY (BESSIE) ELDER, Rochelle, Georgia
Sons	
Daughters	
Residence	210 E. 5th Street, Apopka, Florida
Employment	Mechanic, Minute Maid, Plymouth, Florida
Education	8th grade, Southern School of Commerce
Previous employment & residence	Apopka Groves of Gentile, for 20 years
Previous employment	Correct Craft at Pinecastle, Florida.

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HART has had no service record and claims he has never been arrested.  
Photographs in various poses as well as fingerprints.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH, JAMES P. SHANNON and TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS, JR. on January 23 and February 1, 1952.

BASIS: MARION EDWARD WADE, aka Joe Wade, interviewed inasmuch as evidence had been developed he was very active in the KKK and on the occasion of his previous interview had denied being in the Klan. It is pointed out WADE was one of the renegades and was banished from the Association of Georgia Klans in Apopka. He is reported to have been Exalted Cyclops of the Association of Georgia Klans, having been reinstated after a new charter was obtained for the Klavern.

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MARION EDWARD WADE, also known as Joe Wade, was reinterviewed January 23, 1952, and insisted that he was no longer associated with any branch of the Klan. He continually evaded questions during the interview and appeared to be extremely uneasy and nervous.

During the interview he gave a brief description of the method under which a "ride" is organized. He stated that one of the committeemen (Klokian committee) is appointed by the Exalted Cyclops to handle a certain matter and he, in turn, picks one, two or more "loaders" to handle the victim for him.

An effort was made to reason with WADE and to enlist his cooperation in the conduct of instant investigation. WADE indicated if he were able to develop any information concerning the MOORE case he would certainly advise the Bureau.

On February 1, 1952, WADE, after being told by interviewing Agents that they had knowledge he was the immediate past Exalted Cyclops of the Apopka Association of Georgia Klans and that he was and had been extremely active, admitted such was the truth. He still continued to stand on his Klan oath stating he would not be able to divulge any information concerning Klan activities or the identity of other members of the Klan. It is here noted that Confidential Informant T-4 advised that M. E. WADE is at the present time active in the Association of Georgia Klans and is the immediate past Exalted Cyclops of the Apopka Klavern.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH and JAMES P. SHANNON on January 21, 1952 at Apopka, Florida:

BASIS: T. J. McMENNAMY was interviewed inasmuch as he was reported to be one of the renegades of the Klan.

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T. J. (initials only) McMENNAMY, who resides at Apopka, Florida, is assistant manager in charge of Produce at the Economy Super Market at Apopka, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He came to Apopka, Florida a little over four years ago, first joined the Georgia Klan in Apopka two and a half years ago, stayed only about a year in the Klan and hasn't been a member in over a year. He believes BILL BOGAR whom he met at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Club in Apopka approached him to join the Klan and that BOGAR became the Exalted Cyclops of the Klan lodge after he joined.

He further claims that he did not attend many meetings of the Klan because he didn't have enough time while he was attending school under the G.I. Bill three nights a week. He never saw more than eight or ten Klan members at a meeting in all the fifteen or twenty meetings he attended. All the meetings he attended were held at a shack on an island near Lake Apopka between Apopka and Winter Garden.

McMENNAMY related that BILL BOGAR, when he was Exalted Cyclops, had it in for JOE WADE, STEVENS and EMMETT HART. BOGAR claimed JOE WADE drank beer on the Klan premises. McMENNAMY thought JOE WADE was as good as any of the other members of the Klan and went along with WADE and the others; "didn't think WADE got a right deal" and left the lodge at the time WADE and STEVENS were banished.

McMENNAMY related that EMMETT HART, JOE WADE, STEVENS and others held a conference or meeting to discuss whether or not BOGAR should be an officer of the lodge. This meeting was against Klan rules. McMENNAMY claims that he wasn't allowed to attend the trial of Wade and Stevens inasmuch as he himself had violated Klan rules.

EMMETT HART also left the Klan at the same time.

He understands that since that time a new charter has been obtained but that he was only told it was going to be obtained. EMMETT HART told him



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they were going to get a new charter and asked him to come back, he said he told HART he would think about it but had never returned to the Klan.

McMENNAMY denies going to Groveland, Florida at the time of the Groveland incidents, alleging it was just about that time he joined the Klan. He never heard any of the other Klansmen talk about the Groveland incident and he never talked with anyone that went over there since it is part of the Klan oath for members not to discuss such activity.

He denied ever having been on any "rides" and further stated that as far as he was concerned, negroes were all right but that a lot of them were trying to push white people out of the way and not staying in their place.

He believes he has never been in Mims, never heard anything about HARRY MOORE except what he read in the newspapers after MOORE's death, hasn't been a part in any discussion of the HARRY MOORE case, never saw nor heard of floor plans of MOORE's house, never heard of the Progressive Voters League and only heard of the NAACP when it was discussed generally on the floor at a Klan meeting. He refused to state what the actual discussion of the NAACP concerned.

McMENNAMY exhibited a 1951 membership card #25605 in the Association of Georgia Klans.

When questioned specifically concerning particular individuals mentioned above, McMENNAMY made the following observations and where no mention is made of whether or not the person is a Klansman, refused to make any statements to that effect because of his oath:

He knows ROY RAMSEY, whose wife trades at his store, the Economy Market;

He met HERMIT SMITH at a fish fry at the island (which SMITH owns).

McMENNAMY denies knowing the following:

EARL BROOKLYN  
HOUSTON THORNE  
TOM RICE  
LEE DAVIS

GURLY BELVIN  
BILL JAMES  
R. G. HOWELL  
ROBERT L. JUDAH.

The following is a description of T. J. McMENNAMY as obtained through

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Race	White
Born	<del>12-17-25</del>
Place of birth	<u>Memphis, Texas</u>
Height	5'9½"
Weight	145
Hair	Brownish red
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Freckled and ruddy
Build	Slender
Scars and marks	Tattoo 2 birds right forearm "Mother"
Father	OSCAR McMENNAMY, deceased
Mother	NEVA MAE LEE of Amarillo, Texas, now remarried
Step-brothers	CLARENCE RAY LEE CHARLES EDWARD LEE
Step-sister	DOROTHY LEE
Wife	ELOISE DUNN, married Dallas, Texas 1945
Children	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
MSN	
Merchant Marine	Honorable discharge #Z-571104
Education	7th grade
Residence	Apopka, Florida past 4 years
Previous residence	313 Pease Street, Sanford, Florida for 2 years Amarillo, Texas, % uncle, CLIFTON "RIP" RAMSEY
Employment	Assistant Manager Economy Super Market, Apopka, Florida.
Former employment	Margaret Ann, Sanford, Florida.

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Photographs of McMENNAMY in various poses were obtained.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH and JAMES P. SHANNON on January 23, 1952, at Orlando, Florida.

BASIS: ROY CARLOS RAMSEY interviewed inasmuch as he was reported to be one of the Klan renegades.

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ROY CARLOS RAMSEY, Box 822, Apopka, Florida, who resides on Lake Mendelin on the outskirts of Apopka and is engaged in the construction business in the Orlando area with his father, HUGH L. RAMSEY, was interviewed at the Orlando Resident Agency where he voluntarily appeared.

At the beginning of the interview RAMSEY assumed a belligerent attitude, stating he would not allow his fingerprints or photograph to be taken, standing on his constitutional rights.

RAMSEY, in his belligerent attitude, immediately professed innocence of any crime and stated he could not see any reason why he should discuss any matters with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was told by the Agents that they desired to talk with him about Klan activities inasmuch as they had information that he at least had at one time been a member of the Klan in the Apopka area. The Agents tried to reason with him that they merely desired his cooperation in the conduct of an official investigation. He steadfastly maintained an attitude that he was a citizen of the United States and so saw no reason why he should cooperate with the FBI unless they could tell him he had committed a crime.

At this point he was advised that he appeared at the Resident Agency of his own volition and that if he did not desire to discuss his activities with the Agents he was free to leave. He insisted he desired to furnish any information about himself but flatly refused to discuss any other person he might know. He advised that, even if he knew a person was a Klansman, he would not tell the Agents.

RAMSEY did admit he joined the Association of Georgia Klans at Apopka three or four years ago but refused to say which unit or Klan, stating there was only one in Orange County at the time and he thought there was only one group and if he identified the group it might tend to

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incriminate him. He alleged he attended only a few meetings of the Klan, which meetings were conducted part of the time in the woods. He further alleged it has been quite a long time since he attended a meeting of the Klan. When questioned concerning instant case, his knowledge of HARRY T. MOORE and Mims, Florida, RAMSEY claimed he had not been in Mims within the past year, that he did go fishing during the past summer at New Smyrna Beach, Florida (approximately 20 miles north of Mims) but took the road from Apopka direct to the coast at New Smyrna Beach without passing near Mims. He stated he has not been in Titusville, Florida, since before World War II. He further stated he saw the name HARRY MOORE quite a few times in the newspaper in connection with the activities of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People prior to MOORE's death. He never saw any floor plans or diagrams of the MOORE home at any time, nor did he ever know that such floor plans or diagrams existed.

When questioned concerning the use of explosives, RAMSEY related that in connection with his construction business he used dynamite in sinking irrigation pipe in Merritt Park on the Isle of Sicily within the past year. At one time he helped CURLY BELVIN clear a few stumps off his property about 1½ years ago. This was for only one day, on a Sunday, that he dynamited five or six stumps on BELVIN's property using approximately two to four sticks on each stump, depending on the size. He claimed the dynamite was already at BELVIN's place, ready for use at the time he arrived and he has no information concerning the source of the dynamite. He further insisted that at no time has he engaged in any terrorist activities and that he has no knowledge concerning the use of dynamite in any unlawful manner.

It is interesting to note that of the many persons interviewed in and around the Apopka area who have been identified as now being or in the past having been members of the Klan, ROY RAMSEY is the only one who admitted knowing who HARRY MOORE was or having read about him in the newspaper prior to the publicity following the Christmas Day bombing of MOORE's residence.

At this point the interview was terminated due to RAMSEY's attitude in refusing to discuss any Klan activities and continually attempting to bicker with the Agents over questions asked. At this point he again refused to have his photograph taken, even though it was clearly explained the photograph would not be publicized and would be

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used by the Bureau in its official investigation of this matter and for elimination purposes.

Approximately ten minutes after RAMSEY departed from the Resident Agency he returned, stating he had discussed the matter with his wife who was outside the building and had reconsidered the matter, that he now desired to furnish the Agents his photograph. Accordingly, three photographs in various poses were taken, although he continued to refuse to allow his fingerprints to be taken.

The following is a description of ROY CARLOS RAMSEY as obtained from interrogation and observation:

Race	white
Birth date	<u>October 19, 1913</u>
Birthplace	<u>Camden, Ohio</u>
Race	white
Sex	male
Height	5'11"
Weight	185
Eyes	blue
Hair	light brown, wavy; wears mustache
Father	HUGH L. RAMSEY, Lake Mendelin
Mother	PEARL HEAVENRIDGE, same address
Sister	Mrs. RILEY (LUCILLE) CASS, Spring Lake Road, Apopka
Wife	MILDRED L. McCURRY, married at Valdosta, Georgia, December 25, 1947
Children	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>
NSN	5562451
Navy record	September, 1942 to December 7, 1945
Arrest record	claims none
Address	Box 822, Apopka, Florida, Lake Mendelin (resident of Orlando area since 1935)
Prior residence	Middletown, Ohio

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH and JAMES P. SHANNON on January 23, 1952 at Apopka, Florida:

BASIS: FRED REISNER was interviewed inasmuch as he is the Constable at Apopka, Florida, formerly a member of the Georgia Klan at Apopka and more recently affiliated with the Southern Knights.

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FRED REISNER, the Constable at Apopka, Florida, was interviewed but refused to furnish any information voluntarily to the Agents concerning the operation of the KLAN and, in fact, stated he would be unable to furnish the identity of any members of the Klan because of his "obligation" (referring to the Klan oath).

He admitted that there were two outfits in Apopka, one a Association of Georgia Klans and the other a lodge of the Southern Knights of the Klan. He stated he belonged to the Georgia Klan for years but that when it was supposed to be subversive he joined the Southern Knights.

FRED REISNER advised he had never heard of HARRY MOORE, knew nothing about the Mims case except what he read in the newspapers and that it was highly wrong to kill someone in that way.

He did state that JOE WADE (whom he evidently dislikes) joined the Association of Georgia Klans unit at Apopka when he, FRED REISNER, was in that unit. A group of the members of that unit headed by the head man (the Exalted Cyclops) believed that WADE was an erratic individual because of his statements and actions. FRED REISNER refused to elaborate on this statement.

After it was discovered that WADE and others held a secret meeting, a trial was held and WADE was banished. Shortly afterwards FRED REISNER and others left the Georgia Klan and joined the Southern Knights of the Klan. REISNER insists JOE WADE is not a member of the Southern Knights of the Klan. He does not like WADE's type inasmuch as they try to use the KLAN to violate the laws. Again REISNER refused to be specific.

FRED REISNER remarked that his brother, HARVEY REISNER, who only recently returned from the service, hangs out with JOE WADE much to the disapproval of FRED REISNER. FRED REISNER described EMMETT HART as a "pretty tough and rough customer" who used to do an awful lot of drinking and who, with JOE WADE, would be the type to do such a job as the Mims bombing.

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FRED REISNER made the following additional comments concerning individuals mentioned by the Agents:

ROY RAMSEY - doesn't know whether or not he belongs to the Klan;

HERMIT SMITH - doesn't believe he is a member of the Klan;

ALTON DIXON, Jr. - doesn't like him but believes ALTON DIXON Sr. is all right;

JOHN PIERSON - used to be on the Police Department at Apopka, doesn't think he is wild;

R. G. HOWELL - A Winter Garden, Florida man; brother-in-law to a R. A. LASSITER;

He believes LEE DAVIS comes from Winter Garden, as well as ALEX SCHMITT, looks like an Indian;

He doesn't like either BILL BOGAR or Old Man SHEPHERD, the latter a retired Navy man.

It should be noted that according to T-5 FRED REISNER is presently the Exalted Cyclops of the Southern Knights of the Klan at Apopka.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH and JAMES P. SHANNON on January 23, 1952 at Apopka, Florida:

BASIS: WILLIAM DUNAWAY was interviewed inasmuch as he is the Chief of Police of Apopka, Florida where the Klan has been very active in recent years.

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WILLIAM DUNAWAY, Chief of Police, Apopka, Florida, upon being interviewed admitted being a member of the Georgia Klan years ago, joined the Southern Knights of the Klan a little over a year ago, attended only a few meetings and has not belonged to any Klan in the past year. He made a flat statement he would furnish the Agents any information concerning him but that he had taken an oath and he would not be able to discuss any other personality as a member of the Klan. He refused to break his oath or "obligation."

He did state that JOE WADE, whom he sees every day, never belonged to the Klan at the same time he, DUNAWAY, belonged and does not know whether or not JOE WADE belongs to any Klan at the present time.

He advised that SHEPHERD, a retired Navy man, at one time was in the Klan and that BILL BOGAR was in the Southern Knights of the Klan in the past and he could not say whether or not he was in the Southern Knights of the Klan.

He described FRED REISNER as one of the swellest fellows you would want to meet.

DUNAWAY claims he doesn't know anything about HARRY MOORE or the bombing at Mims, Florida.

It is to be noted at this point that Confidential Informant T-5 advises DUNAWAY is presently an active member of the Southern Knights of the Klan in Apopka, Florida.



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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH and JAMES P. SHANNON on January 23, 1952 at Plymouth, Florida:

BASIS: HERMIT E. SMITH was interviewed inasmuch as he was reported to be the owner of the property on which various Klans held meetings.

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HERMIT E. SMITH, Manager of Winsome Groves at Plymouth, Florida and graduate of the University of North Carolina, and apparently a reputable citizen, advised he has not been a member of the Ku Klux Klan in over 10 years, that he originally joined the Klan in Orlando in 1937.

He related that in 1940 or thereabouts (possibly 1942) a group of Klansmen who used the name of the American Club and also the Apopka Sportsmen's Club, erected a cement block building through voluntary labor and materials, on his property in the northeast corner of Lake Apopka, Orange County, where he owns 90 acres.

For a number of years there was no activity in the Klan inasmuch as it had disbanded. Two or three years ago a group of Klansmen started to meet again at the building on his acreage. BILL BOGAR representing the Southern Knights of the Klan and FRED REISNER representing the Association of Georgia Klans unit at Apopka, came to him to advise they would like to use the building again. Originally he had given written permission to the Klan (Florida) to use the building as a meeting place.

About two years ago the Georgia Klan and the Southern Knights of the Klan were in dispute over the use of the meeting place and came to him about it. He told each side that as long as they could get together they could use the meeting place but that he certainly did not want to be involved in any Klan dispute. He contacted his attorney, Judge JOHN BAKER, in order to advise the Klan groups officially that they should vacate or cease using the premises for a meeting place. To his knowledge neither Klan group uses the meeting place but admits it is possible they might use it without his permission.

Mr. SMITH agreed that some sorry individuals have gained admittance to the Klan and wouldn't doubt that there were some "bad actors" in the Klan but that he himself was unable to furnish any information which might link any of the members of the Klan or any other person with instant case.

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Mr. SMITH, who is a Deacon of the Baptist Church, is a member of the Masonic Order and a Shriner, furnished the following observations concerning individuals whose names were mentioned to him:

Emmett Hart - used to be a bad character four or five years ago, drank considerably but has become a good fellow in the past year or two, joined the church a year ago and wouldn't be the type to be engaged in any terrorist activities;

BILL BOGAR was in the armed services for a number of years and came back "rattlebrained";

FRED REISNER served as Chief of Police in Apopka for twelve or fifteen years until 1946, then because he played politics, lost out as Chief of Police and is presently Constable.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH and JAMES P. SHANNON on January 22, 1952 at Winter Garden, Florida:

BASIS: ROBERT DAVIS was interviewed concerning LEE DAVIS and other Klansmen of the Winter Garden area inasmuch as he appeared to be a reputable citizen of the community.

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ROBERT DAVIS, proprietor of DAVIS' Pharmacy, Winter Garden, Florida, President of the Rotary and a prominent Mason, upon interview furnished the following information:

He has lived in Winter Garden, Florida all his life and has known LEE DAVIS (no relation) for many years. He believes LEE DAVIS comes from Dothan, Alabama and described him as an ignorant individual with an ungovernable temper who is an extremely narrow person who hates negroes violently, has a worthless character and reputation and is undoubtedly the worst individual in Winter Garden.

LEE DAVIS seems to have the idea people are looking down on him because he is lacking in education. He is extremely garrulous, always butting in on conversations even though they are none of his business and attempting to obtain all the information he can wherever he might be.

Mr. ROBERT DAVIS commented that LEE DAVIS should pay more attention to his work as a carpenter than he does to other people's business. To illustrate LEE DAVIS' behavior Mr. ROBERT DAVIS remarked "Doc you pour all your prescriptions out of the same bottle, put different labels on them and then charge big prices." ROBERT DAVIS took a group of small blue bottles, placed them on the table before LEE DAVIS and told him that they all look alike but actually they were different medicines. LEE DAVIS "blew up" and stalked out of the store in a huff without saying anything.

Mr. ROBERT DAVIS could think of no person more unreasonable or stupid as to behave in such a manner. Actually he has a fear of antagonizing LEE DAVIS because LEE DAVIS might commit an act of violence against his person or his business.

Mr. ROBERT DAVIS has noticed that of late LEE DAVIS has been hanging around the Police Department of Winter Garden as though he were interested in picking up some information. He had never been in the habit of being around that Police Department until recently (the Chief of Police,

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MAYNARD MANN is the brother-in-law of Mr. ROBERT DAVIS). Recently as he was sitting at a table in the drug store LEE DAVIS entered and sat down beside ROBERT DAVIS. Without any preliminary remarks, LEE DAVIS told ROBERT DAVIS that the FBI was checking the sale of dynamite in the county and in the whole area. Mr. ROBERT DAVIS advised that the manner and tone of voice of LEE DAVIS was not unusual and there was no indication of anxiety or fear in his voice.

LEE DAVIS has made application for membership in the Masons on several occasions but has always been blackballed.

When asked to furnish the identity of the person who would be best acquainted with LEE DAVIS, Mr. ROBERT DAVIS advised that the closest friend of LEE DAVIS is one ALEX SCHMITT who is just like LEE DAVIS in character and reputation. Mr. ROBERT DAVIS filled a prescription for ALEX SCHMITT recently.

When questioned concerning the undertaker, F. E. LOOMIS of Winter Garden, Mr. ROBERT DAVIS advised that LOOMIS was an agitator in the beginning but has settled down. The manner in which Mr. ROBERT DAVIS spoke of LOOMIS indicated that he did not think he was a credit to the community.

As far as Mr. ROBERT DAVIS knows there has been no open Klan activity in the Winter Garden area. He knows EDGAR BROOKLYN, EDDIE JACKSON and TOM RICE but doesn't know EARL BROOKLYN or TILLMAN BELVIN. He believes BILL HARTZOG, who operates a hardware store in Winter Garden is a reputable citizen and all right. He knows R. G. HOWELL of Ocoee and only recently filled a prescription for him.

Mr. ROBERT DAVIS stated he is not and never has been a member of the Ku Klux Klan and is unable to state whether or not any particular individual is a member of the Klan.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH and TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS January 31, 1952 at Winter Garden, Florida:

BASIS: ROBERT E. DAVIS, owner Davis' Pharmacy, Winter Garden, Florida, previously furnished information concerning LEE DAVIS, advised that RUBEN F. ANDERSON, LEWIS E. JOHNSON and J. H. D. GROGAN were individuals whose character and reputations were above reproach and who had lived in Winter Garden for many years and who would be able to possibly furnish information concerning suspects in instant case.

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RUBEN F. ANDERSON, owner and operator of a grocery store in Winter Garden, advised he does not know suspects SCHMITT and JUDAH. In regard to LEE DAVIS, ANDERSON stated that he is acquainted with DAVIS who is a carpenter by trade. According to ANDERSON, DAVIS has on a number of occasions petitioned for membership in the Masonic lodge at Winter Garden and on each occasion he has been blackballed. ANDERSON states because of this fact he is of the opinion there is something wrong or derogatory as to the character and reputation of DAVIS or he would not have been rejected. However, he stated he does not have anything specific in this regard but attributes this to the fact of DAVIS' rejection by the lodge.

With regard to WILLIAM HARTZOG, ANDERSON stated he is not very well acquainted with HARTZOG although he has for sometime been a resident of Winter Garden. ANDERSON said HARTZOG reportedly was engaged in the Bolita racket for a number of years and made enough money in the racket to establish himself in the hardware business. He stated he suspects LEE DAVIS of being a member of the Ku Klux Klan as well as F. E. LOOMIS, an undertaker at Winter Garden. With regard to LOOMIS he advised LOOMIS has also been blackballed a number of times by the Masonic lodge at Winter Garden. He stated he does not have any information regarding the activities of DAVIS or LOOMIS in the KKK, pointing out that he merely suspects them of being members and does not have any positive proof.

He pointed out in this regard that his opinion is supported by the fact that both LEE DAVIS and LOOMIS have the reputation of being very anti-negro. ANDERSON advised he does not know EARL BROOKLYN or TILLMAN H. BELVIN.

He stated he suspects one EMORY BRANTLEY, a barber of Winter Garden, as also being a member of the Klan.

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ANDERSON stated during the interview that there have been a number of incidents of violence in Winter Garden in the past year and a half but he added he does not have any information of value regarding these incidents. ANDERSON stated he has been very active in Masonic affairs in Winter Garden and expressed his whole hearted personal opposition to acts of lawlessness that have occurred in Winter Garden.

LEWIS E. JOHNSON, House Foreman, Roper Growers Cooperative, advised he is acquainted with suspect SCHMITT who is employed by the Winter Garden Citrus Exchange. JOHNSON stated he has heard that SCHMITT is a very active member of the Klan. He advised he was unable to recall the source of this information. He also stated that SCHMITT is a very active member of the Methodist Church and attends regularly at the Sunday School. According to JOHNSON, SCHMITT has the reputation of being honest and one who pays his debts. JOHNSON pointed out he is not personally acquainted with SCHMITT.

In regard to LEE DAVIS, JOHNSON stated it has been remarked in Winter Garden LEE DAVIS was second in command of the Klan at Winter Garden and has been very active in Klan matters. According to JOHNSON, DAVIS also attends the Methodist Church in Orlando. JOHNSON stated that LEE is now somewhat of a sober type of individual although a few years ago he had a reputation of being a very mean, rough and heavy drinking individual who was very outspokenly anti-negro and a staunch advocate of white supremacy.

JOHNSON stated he is not personally acquainted with WILLIAM HARTZOG although he is aware HARTZOG operates a hardware store in Winter Garden and is also a member of the Lion's Club.

According to JOHNSON, EMORY BRANTLEY, a barber in Winter Garden is also rumored to be very active in Klan matters in Winter Garden. JOHNSON stated he has never been a member of the Klan.

JOHNSON stated he does not know ROBERT L. JUDAH, EARL BROOKLYN, TILLMAN H. BELVIN or J. B. JOHNSON.

During the interview JOHNSON stated Mrs. MARION FULLER, who is employed in the office of the Roper Growers Cooperative had stated to JOHNSON that her husband had received a threatening telephone call. According to JOHNSON, Mrs. FULLER's husband is engaged in selling insurance to colored people. JOHNSON was unable to furnish any details regarding the threat received by Mr. FULLER.

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JOHN HENRY DENNIS GROGAN, owner and operator of Grogan Jewelry Store, advised he does not know EARL BROOKLYN or TILLMAN H. BELVIN, nor is he acquainted with ALFONSO SCHMITT. GROGAN stated he is acquainted with LEE DAVIS. He stated that DAVIS is now a regular church attendant and appears to be a sober individual although a few years ago DAVIS was very "rough" and was regarded as having a poor reputation and as being a violent type of man. GROGAN stated DAVIS now regularly attends the Methodist Church and Sunday School services and has apparently "turned over a new leaf." GROGAN pointed out that he knows DAVIS but is not a personal friend and he does not associate with DAVIS.

GROGAN advised he does not know ROBERT L. JUDAH.

In regard to WILLIAM HARTZOG, GROGAN advised HARTZOG operates a hardware store in Winter Garden and it has been generally remarked that HARTZOG made enough money in the Bolita racket to establish himself in the hardware business.

He stated that HARTZOG at one time also operated a pool hall in Winter Garden and that HARTZOG allowed dice and poker to be played in the pool hall.

GROGAN stated he does not know J. B. JOHNSON.

Rev. O. V. HITCHCOCK, Pastor, First Methodist Church, was interviewed for any information he might be able to furnish of value to this investigation. Rev. HITCHCOCK stated he has only been in Winter Garden since June, 1951, having been the Pastor of a Methodist Church in Tampa, Florida until that time. He stated that he was very active in the Minister's Group in Tampa, Florida for better government and has been quite concerned with the general moral delinquency of residents of the Winter Garden area.

He advised that so far he has not had anyone to talk to in a confidential way and thus he does not feel he has any information which would be of value to our investigation, however, during the interview he stated LEE DAVIS is a member of the Methodist Church and both DAVIS and Mrs. DAVIS attend services. In this regard he stated LEE DAVIS was already a member of the church when he, HITCHCOCK, became Pastor of the Methodist Church.

Rev. HITCHCOCK stated insofar as he knows, DAVIS has a good reputation among the church members. He advised he has not heard any information

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to the effect that LEE DAVIS is a member of the Klan or has participated in Klan activities. He pointed out that due to the short period of time he has been a Pastor of the Methodist Church he has not had an opportunity to become well enough acquainted with members of his church that they would talk to him in a confidential manner regarding such matters, as Klan activities. He expressed the opinion it is very unlikely that persons who are members of the Klan, even though having a great deal of confidence in their Minister, would go so far as to discuss such matters with their Minister.

He stated he is personally very much opposed to the Klan and all its activities and it is very unlikely that Klan members would confide in him. He stated he is of the opinion the Klan is very active in Winter Garden citing an instance shortly after his arrival wherein he walked into his study and found an application form on his desk for membership in the Georgia Klan. Rev. HITCHCOCK stated he is not now nor ever has been a member of the Klan.

During the interview he stated that he has heard that some ministers and even professional men had become members of the Klan although in his, Rev. HITCHCOCK's opinion, he is completely unable to understand how anyone could belong to the Klan if they have principles of good government at heart.

Mrs. MARICE FULLER, Roper Growers Cooperative, advised that her husband, ALLEN M. FULLER, operates an insurance business in Orlando selling insurance, principally to colored persons, and maintains an office at 718 W. Church Street in Orlando. She stated the insurance agency is known as the Allied Continental Automobile Association. She also advised that on January 24 or 25, 1952 a telephone call was made to the Allied Continental Automobile Association office, 718 W. Church Street, telephone 3-7532 in Orlando by an unknown male, who asked to speak to Mr. FULLER.

According to Mrs. FULLER, the telephone call was received by Mr. FULLER's secretary, a colored girl, who immediately stated Mr. FULLER was not in the office. Thereupon the caller told Mr. FULLER's secretary to tell Mr. FULLER that a member of the three K's had telephoned to advise him that "We have decided to take you out and beat you up." Mrs. FULLER stated after making this statement the caller hung up.

She also advised her husband later stated the telephone call was a local one inasmuch as his secretary had immediately, after receiving the telephone call, asked the operator to trace the call and the operator had stated the call was not a long distance but a local call and therefore



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would be very difficult to trace.

Mrs. FULLER stated it is her understanding her husband has reported this matter to the Orange County Sheriff's Office. In regard to her husband's business activities she advised he sells insurance to colored residents of Orlando, Zellwood, Mount Dora and Winter Garden.

During the interview she stated the colored taxi cab driver who was shot and beaten by a group of white men (ARTHUR HENRY HOLLAND - January 12, 1952) had definitely identified one of the men who was with the group that shot and beat him but would not identify the individual to anybody but her husband, Mr. FULLER. She said she did not recall the name of the person who was identified but she did recall her husband saying that HOLLAND had told him of the identity.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS and FRANK F. MEECH on January 31, 1952:

BASIS: C. M. TUCKER, Justice of the Peace, Winter Garden, Florida, was interviewed to ascertain whether he would cooperate with Bureau Agents and furnish any information concerning Klan activities in Winter Garden. It had previously been ascertained through C.I. T-3 that C. M. TUCKER is an active member in the Georgia Klan at Winter Garden and was closely associated with Sheriff DAVE STARR.

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G. M. TUCKER, Justice of the Peace, Winter Garden, advised he has never been a member of the Klan and does not know anything regarding the Klan activity in the Winter Garden area. He also advised he doesn't suspect anyone of being a member of the Klan in the Winter Garden area.

When queried generally concerning Klan activities, TUCKER remarked "I remember when I was a boy seeing parades of Klansmen in Winter Garden but I haven't seen nor heard of any Klan activity in many, many years."

TUCKER stated he knows EARL BROOKLYN but has not seen BROOKLYN since he was a boy. In regard to BROOKLYN, he advised BROOKLYN was born and reared in Ocoee but left there several years ago. He stated the last time he had any contact with BROOKLYN was a number of years ago when BROOKLYN obtained a warrant charging a woman with "pulling a gun on him." According to TUCKER, BROOKLYN is a fox hunting fan and the argument regarding the "pulling of a gun" arose from some fox hunt.

TUCKER states as well as he can recall, an elderly man by the name of WALTER BALLARD was also with BROOKLYN on the fox hunt and was a witness. He stated the matter was dismissed and no prosecution was undertaken against the woman after it was determined that an argument had occurred and the entire incident was not of a serious nature.

TUCKER also advised he knows of TILLMAN H. BELVIN but does not have any information regarding him. He described EMORY BRANTLEY as "a big run off at the mouth fellow."

He also advised that ALEX SCHMITT, who is employed by the Winter Garden Citrus Exchange has a good reputation at Winter Garden. According to TUCKER, HARTZOG, operator of a hardware store in Winter Garden, also has a

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good reputation and is very active in civic affairs. TUCKER stated at one time HARTZOG was reputedly engaged in the Bolita racket but now HARTZOG has a good reputation.

TUCKER also stated during the interview that a brother of EMORY BRANTLEY, i.e. EVERETT BRANTLEY, is a "booze head." He said EVERETT BRANTLEY formerly had a good business but became such a "booze head" he lost his business and was later separated from his wife.

During the interview TUCKER stated one JAMES BRANTLEY, a brother of EMORY and EVERETT, operates a grocery store in the negro quarters of Winter Garden.

TUCKER stated he is also acquainted with LEE DAVIS who was formerly a "booze head" but had now quit drinking and was regarded as being of good reputation.

TUCKER also advised he knows of one J. B. JOHNSON who has a sewing machine business in Orlando but said he is not acquainted with JOHNSON and does not know what type of reputation JOHNSON has in Orlando.

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IX. TRACING OF DYNAMITE

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. WAYNE SWINNEY at Ocala, Florida, January 18, 1952:

BASIS: To interview DAWSON WHITE, Atlas Powder Company representative, for information relative to who handles Atlas Powder Company dynamite within Central Florida.

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DAWSON WHITE, Old Blitchton Road, advised that he was the district representative for Atlas Powder Company, however his territory did not cover the east coast of Florida as that area was covered by the Merrill Dynamite Company of Jacksonville, Florida.

He further advised he had not sold any dynamite in the Orlando area for years and that the last he sold was at Pinecastle, Florida to the Pinecastle Air Base during the last war.

WHITE stated that the closest dealers to Mims which were covered by him were the KINGSLEY-HARRIS Hardware Store, Leesburg, Florida, Polk Construction Company at Lakeland, Florida and the J. D. MANLEY Construction Company at Leesburg, Florida.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents CLYDE P. ADERHOLD and PRUE C. CLINKSCALES at Winter Garden, Florida, on February 4 and 5, 1952.

BASIS: Ascertain sources of dynamite in the Winter Garden, Florida, area.

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Chief of Police MAYNARD MANN advised the only source of dynamite known to him in the Winter Garden, Florida, area was the Florida Power Company. Chief MANN said it was his understanding the Power Company uses dynamite in setting up new power poles.

Mr. F. E. CLOUD, manager, Florida Power Company, advised that company did use dynamite in setting up new power lines and poles. He stated the dynamite was stored in the Florida Power Company warehouse in a vault and that the only persons having keys to this vault are himself and the line foreman, G. W. KENNEDY. Mr. CLOUD said that to his knowledge no dynamite had been stolen from the vault and that no one had attempted to borrow any dynamite from the company.

G. W. KENNEDY, line foreman, Florida Power Company, advised that he used dynamite in digging holes for power poles. He stated the dynamite was under his supervision and that he has a key to the vault where the dynamite is stored. He stated that no dynamite had been stolen from the vault and that no one had tried to obtain any dynamite from him. He advised dynamite is usually purchased in one or two case lots, the last company order having been obtained from a distributor in Lakeland or Mulberry, Florida; that the case carried with the work crew is maintained under lock and key on the company's work truck with only himself having access to this storage place on the truck. KENNEDY advised he knew of no one in the Winter Garden area who had used dynamite during the past year or two or who might have ready access to dynamite.

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X. MISCELLANEOUS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent MARTIN A. MANLEY on January 12, 13, 15, 17 and 18, 1952.

BASIS: Automobiles bearing license tags 6W4565, 6W4648 and 6W6625 were seen at the funeral of HARRY T. MOORE and the owners should be interviewed as to their knowledge concerning the activities of MOORE.

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The records of the Florida Highway Patrol, West Palm Beach, Florida, reflects that license 6W4565 is registered to the Murphy Construction Company for a 1948 Hudson Club Coupe.

Mr. H. L. LANE, Murphy Construction Company, advised this car was traded to Thurston Brooks Used Cars on August 31, 1951.

Mrs. WAYNE WRIGHT, Thurston Brooks Used Cars, advised this car was sold to CLEVELAND SIMMONS, Pahokee, Florida, on October 17, 1951.

CLEVELAND SIMMONS, Pahokee Housing Authority Project, stated he now owns a 1948 Hudson bearing 1951 Florida license 6W4565; however, he does not know HARRY T. MOORE and did not attend the funeral of MOORE at Mims, Florida, and did not loan his car to anyone to attend the funeral. He stated he is positive his car was not out of Palm Beach County for the last several months and certainly not in December, 1951.

The records of the Florida Highway Patrol, West Palm Beach, Florida, reflect that license 6W4648 is registered to Dr. ROBERT L. SMITH, 431 Rosemary, West Palm Beach.

Dr. ROBERT L. SMITH, negro dentist, advised he attended the funeral of MOORE; however, he did not know MOORE too well and only talked to him at Vanguard club meetings. He stated MOORE attended a meeting of the Vanguard at West Palm Beach, Florida, on November 27, 1951, and he saw MOORE again about December 1, 1951. This was the last time he saw MOORE.

He stated he did not know of any enemies of MOORE and to his knowledge MOORE had not received any threats. Dr. SMITH stated he once asked MOORE why he lived in Mims as there did not appear to be too many

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colored people living there and MOORE replied that he had lived there all his life and liked it there; he did not comment further and the subject was dropped.

The records of the Florida Highway Patrol, West Palm Beach, Florida, reflect that license 6W6625 is registered to EDDIE L. ROUNDTREE, P.O. Box 778, Lake Park, Florida, for a 1941 Buick sedan.

EDDIE ROUNDTREE, Jackson Street, Riviera Beach, Florida, advised he owns the above described car but that he did not attend the funeral of HARRY T. MOORE. He stated his father, LLOYD ROUNDTREE, borrowed his car and attended the funeral.

LLOYD ROUNDTREE, Jackson Street, Riviera Beach, Florida, advised he attended the funeral of MOORE and that he has known MOORE for about three years as a neighbor, that he lives across the street from MOORE's house in Riviera Beach. He stated that MOORE had never mentioned any threats received by him and he did not know of any enemies of the MOORES. He stated he could offer nothing concerning the bombings.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM M. ALEXANDER on January 28, 1952, at Jacksonville, Florida.

BASIS: 1951 Florida tag 2E950 was observed at the funeral of victim HARRY T. MOORE on January 1, 1952, at Mims, Florida. Investigation conducted to identify and interview the owner of this tag concerning his relationship with the victims and to secure any information he might have relative the persons responsible for their deaths.

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The 1951 Florida tag 2E 950 is registered to the Burwell Auto Rentals, 400 West Monroe Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. ROY SAWDEY, manager, Burwell Auto Rentals, advised this car was rented on January 1, 1952, to PORCHER TAYLOR, editor of the "Florida Tattler", a colored newspaper.

PORCHER TAYLOR, 511 Broad Street, stated he had been acquainted with victim HARRY T. MOORE and had attended the funerals of both victims. He advised he had not seen MOORE for the past three or four months and knew nothing of his activities prior to the bombing. TAYLOR said he had no information concerning anyone who might have done the bombing, other than hearsay, and he was giving the following information to the FBI for whatever value it might be.

He stated he had been in the Tropical Diner in Jacksonville and had overheard a young colored boy whom he did not know by name say that he was in Mims at the time of this bombing and this colored boy had said he had the names of three white people who had done the bombing. However, TAYLOR said, before he could talk further with this boy he received a telephone call and when he came back the boy had left the diner. He said he was attempting to find out the boy's name and would furnish this information to the FBI. He said the boy was tall, dark-skinned, approximately 21 or 22 years old and he was under the impression the boy's home was in Miami and that he was presently a student at Florida A&M in Tallahassee.



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TAYLOR further advised he had not attended the Daytona Beach convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People but his information was that MOORE's job had been abolished at this convention due to the lack of funds available to pay him and that MOORE had been made more or less a coordinator of NAACP activities in the State of Florida, a non-paying job.

He stated he did not know of anyone who might have done the bombing, but stated he received a rumor to the effect that Sheriff WILLIS V. McCALL of Lake County was the instigator of the bombing. He said he had heard that McCALL had hired a negro in Mims to be the finger man but he had been unable to determine who this colored man might have been. When asked why McCALL might have wanted MOORE out of the way, TAYLOR stated he had also heard a rumor that MOORE had received some information which would prove the rape case at Groveland to be a frame-up. He said he had heard the victim in the rape case had two or three brothers who were supposed to be very bad men and that the husband of the woman had beaten her and was afraid that if the brothers learned of the beating he would be killed. Thereafter the victim and her husband had reported to the Sheriff that she had been raped by four colored boys in order to take the "heat" off her husband so that her brothers would not harm him. TAYLOR stated the above was strictly rumor and he had no factual data to substantiate the above allegations.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent EUGENE J. GARBUTT at West Palm Beach, Florida, on January 16, 17, 18, 19, 30, and 31, 1952.

BASIS: 1951 Florida tag 6WL298 was observed at the funeral of victim HARRY T. MOORE on January 1, 1952, at Mims, Florida. Identify and interview the owner of this tag concerning his relationship with victims and any information he might have relating to the persons responsible for their deaths.

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The records of the Florida Highway Patrol indicated the owner of 1951 Florida tag 6WL298 was CHARLES BYRD, Box 8693, Lantana, Florida.

ETHEL BYRD, Box 423A, Route 2, advised her husband owned a 1948 two-tone green, two-door Buick bearing license 6WL298 but traded it in to Holman Lincoln-Mercury on December 14, 1951.

ARTHUR McGAUNN, Business Manager, Holman Lincoln-Mercury, advised the 1948 two-door Buick bearing tag 1951 Florida 6WL298 was sold December 22, 1951, to RICHARD H. SEYMOUR, JR., 1040 22nd Street.

RICHARD H. SEYMOUR, JR., 1040 22nd Street, advised he was the owner of a 1948 two-door, two-tone Buick which he had purchased from the Holman Lincoln-Mercury dealer, which car bore 1951 Florida tag 6WL298. SEYMOUR stated he was in Mims, Florida, January 1, 1952, but that he was not there to attend the funeral of HARRY T. MOORE. According to SEYMOUR, he stopped in Mims en route to West Palm Beach, Florida, from Cookman, Georgia, where he had visited his wife, Mrs. RICHARD H. SEYMOUR, Box 10, Route 4. He remarked that he was in Mims in the afternoon and evening of January 1, 1952, and had visited local bars where he first learned of the death of MOORE. He stated that people were talking about MOORE's death but he could not remember any of the talk except that people said it was unfortunate and that MOORE was a nice man. He stated he knew nothing concerning the circumstances of MOORE's death, that he did not know MOORE and did not know anyone who was a close friend to MOORE. He stated he is a member of the Progressive Voters League but that he is only one of the "little fellows". He stated he did not attend MOORE's funeral and did not lend his car to anyone to attend.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. WAYNE SWINNEY at Ocala, Florida, on February 6, 1952.

BASIS: To interview PERCY and ESTELLE SMALLWOOD, Ocala, Florida, relative any information they could furnish concerning activities of victim MOORE, it being noted they attended the funeral of MOORE.

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PERCY and ESTELLE SMALLWOOD were interviewed at the Smallwood Grocery on West Broadway, at which time they advised they had known MOORE for several years; however, they could furnish no information as to the reason for the explosion at Mims or regarding individuals who might have perpetrated this crime. They advised they knew little of MOORE's activities through the past year but should any information come to their attention relative the instant case the same would be immediately made available to this Office.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. WAYNE SWINNEY on January 27 and February 6, 1952, at Tavares, Clermont, Mount Dora and Leesburg, Florida.

BASIS: To locate and interview the holders of license numbers 12-2318, 12-4477, 12-7210 and 12-8720, to ascertain what information these individuals have concerning instant case and activities of HARRY T. MOORE inasmuch automobiles bearing these licenses were observed at the funeral of victim MOORE.

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Investigation at Tavares, Florida, reflected the following were the holders of the respective license numbers:

12-2318	C. O. LOTT, Mount Dora
12-4477	BEN A. BROWN, Leesburg
12-7210	SAMUEL W. COOPER, Clermont
12-8720	GOLIE LANG, Fruitland Park

Investigation at Leesburg reflected BEN A. BROWN had sold his automobile bearing 1951 Florida license 12-4477 and it was presently owned by F. L. HAMPTON, 812 Washington Street, Box 479, Leesburg.

F. L. HAMPTON upon interview advised he and his wife had attended the funeral of HARRY T. MOORE in Mims and that he had known MOORE for some eight years. He further advised he had no knowledge relative instant case and did not know of MOORE having been in Lake County subsequent to the convention at which he spoke in Fruitland Park early in 1951. He stated he, HAMPTON, had spoken on two occasions at the trial in Lake County of the Groveland boys at which time he was requested to speak relative the condition of negroes in Leesburg, Florida. He stated that he was present at the trials of the Groveland boys at Tavares and that at no time did he have any knowledge or reason to believe that victim MOORE was active in this trial. He further advised he has attended conventions throughout the state at which MOORE was present and at no time had he heard MOORE discuss the Lake County case although he had knowledge of MOORE raising money for the defense of the

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subjects in that investigation. HAMPTON knew of no threats made against MOORE nor specific information as to why MOORE was killed and stated that should any such information come to his attention he would immediately advise this office.

C. O. LOTT, 419 Jackson Street, Mount Dora, Florida, advised he was the principal of the colored school in Mount Dora and that he had known victim MOORE for some fifteen years. LOTT stated he had formerly taught in a school with the victim and that he considered him a very courageous individual who had at heart the work of the NAACP and in general the advancement of the negroes. LOTT stated he did not believe MOORE had been in the vicinity of Mount Dora in the last six months and that to his knowledge the last time MOORE had been in Mount Dora was prior to the election between SMATHERS and PEPPER at which time MOORE was indicating which candidates he felt had the best interest of the negroes at heart. LOTT knew of no threats that had been made against MOORE nor the reason for his death and advised if such information came to his attention he would immediately advise this Office.

SAMUEL W. COOPER, box 221, Clermont, Florida, advised he has known MOORE for many years and attended his funeral at Mims; however, he could furnish no information as to the reason for the death of MOORE nor information as to the identities of those who might have perpetrated this offense. He advised that should any such information come to his attention he would immediately advise this Office.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent FRED E. GORDON on January 23, 1952:

BASIS -- PAUL PERKINS, colored Attorney, Orlando, Florida, related a rumor claiming HORACE HILL, colored Attorney of Daytona Beach, Florida, as well as others, had been run out of Lake County at the termination of the Groveland Rape Trial in August, 1949.

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HORACE E. HILL, 525½ Second Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida, advised that he was one of the Attorneys for the defense in the GROVELAND Rape Case in August, 1949.

According to HILL, prior arrangements had been made with the Florida Highway Patrol, that at the conclusion of this trial, he and others were to have police escort out of Tavares, Florida. As HILL pointed out, the jury rendered a guilty verdict at approximately 9:30 P.M. one night, and when he and his party left immediately thereafter, they found no police escort. According to HILL, in the party riding in his car was RAMONA LOWE, who is an editorial writer for the Chicago Defendant, TED POSTON, who is a negro writer for the New York Post, FRANK WILLIAMS, an Attorney for the NAACP, and himself.

HILL went on to say that leaving Tavares, Florida that night and after going about two or three miles outside of town, he noticed a car in the rear blink their lights, and going on from that point, he noticed another car ahead of him parked off the side of the road, which was apparently receiving this blinking light as a signal. As HILL explained, he was proceeding toward Apopka, Florida at the time. He stated he noticed this car kept following him and as they proceeded further down the road, he noticed a car parked on the left and directly opposite this car, another car was parked on the right, which indicated to him at the time, possibly some type of a blockade was being formed.

HILL stated that realizing that possibly they meant to do him and his party bodily harm, he stepped up the speed of his car and while going through Apopka, Florida, didn't even stop for a red light. He stated that the car which seemed to be following him, stopped and turned around at the Orange County line. As HILL recalled, this car was an old model car, but it never did get close enough to him to determine what color it was, or what tag it bore, or how many people were actually in the car. As HILL pointed out, no attempts were made by the occupants of this car to run him off the road.

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HILL pointed out that Victim MOORE was not at the trial in Tavares, Florida. MOORE's only connection in the GROVELAND case, according to HILL, was that he had had investigated the case in this particular area, although MOORE himself, had never told him personally that he was conducting an investigation,

HILL further stated that Senator HOLLAND's son of Bartow, Florida, investigated the Groveland Case, and had spent a lot of time in the Groveland area. As HILL explained, HOLLAND's son had volunteered his services.

Relative to the results of HOLLAND's son's investigation, HILL stated that ALEX ACKERMAN would know if any such report was submitted by HOLLAND.

HILL advised that it was his information, that during the time MOORE was allegedly investigating the Groveland Case, ROWLAND WATTS, a white Attorney in New York City, and LEROY HACKER, were making investigations in the same general area as was MOORE, concerning alleged peonage cases. It was HILL's thought that possibly WATTS or HACKER's investigation of this area, might possibly have a bearing upon the general attitude of various groups concerning Victim MOORE.

It was subsequently determined that ROWLAND WATTS is presently in New York City, exact address, however, unknown, and that LEROY HACKER can be presently found at 161 Liscum Drive, Dayton, Ohio.

A teletype was directed to the New York and Cincinnati Offices on January 24, 1952, to have ROWLAND WATTS and LEROY HACKER interviewed concerning any knowledge they might have of MOORE's activities.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM J. JAMISON at Winter Haven, Florida on January 31 and February 1, 1952:

BASIS: HORACE E. HILL, 525½ Second Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida, advised SA FRED E. GORDON he was one of the attorneys for the defense in the Groveland rape case in August, 1949. He further advised that Senator HOLLAND's son of Bartow, Florida, investigated the Groveland case and spent a lot of time in the Groveland area. He explained HOLLAND's son had volunteered his services.

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Attorney WILLIAM B. HOLLAND, Phillips Professional Building, Winter Haven, Florida, advised that he accompanied his brother S. LINDSEY HOLLAND, Jr., who is also an attorney, to Orlando, Florida prior to the trial in the Groveland case. He stated that he and his brother consulted with Attorney JOHN BERRY, Orlando, regarding a change of venue for the case in view of inflammatory newspaper articles and public reaction in the case. He stated he did not believe his brother conducted any active investigation in the matter. He stated that he did not know HARRY MOORE and did not know of any investigation he conducted in the Groveland case.

Attorney S. LINDSEY HOLLAND, Jr., 113 East Main Street, Bartow, Florida, stated that he wishes his name to be kept confidential in this matter for reasons of professional reputation. He stated that he was approached by ALEX ACKERMAN; FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, newspaper writer and a third man, whose name he does not recall, to assist in the preparation of the defense in the Groveland case. He said HORACE HILL may have been present at the time but he was not certain.

HOLLAND stated the defense attorneys had little time to prepare their case. Some of the defense witnesses had left the county because of public opinion, and he, HOLLAND, assisted in locating them for the trial. He said that he also helped draw up a petition for the purpose of obtaining a change of venue because of public opinion, but was unsuccessful in obtaining the change of venue.

HOLLAND further stated he did not know HARRY MOORE and did not know of any investigation of the Groveland case conducted by MOORE. He also said he worked on the case only because he was asked to do so and could not ethically refuse and that he refused to accept a fee for his services.



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BASIS: For record purposes the following information received in a report from T-6, another governmental agency is set forth.

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The report of Confidential Informant T- 6 , of known reliability, covering "KKK ACTIVITIES IN CENTRAL FLORIDA", relates in substance that it is rumored the following individuals were instrumental in bombing the MOORE residence:

(a) EARL BROOKLYN, white male, one hand missing, who resides on Lake Mann, Orlando, Florida;

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[redacted] who also resides on Lake Mann, Orlando;

(c) BELVIN (GNU), white male, resides on opposite side of street from American Bakery, Orlando, often seen wearing cowboy hat and boots;

(d) [redacted] white male, known KKK member and known to like to participate in acts of violence;

(e) [redacted], white male, resides on Forrest City Road between Apopka and Altamonte Springs, Florida;

(f) SCHMIDT (GNU), aka Smitty, an employee of the Winter Garden Fruit Exchange, Winter Garden, Florida, rumored to have been instrumental in the death of a colored workman in Winter Garden;

(g) JOE WADE, operator of Wade's Radio Repair Shop, Apopka, stated to own a U. S. Machine Gun, also known to be a member of the KKK and active in "night riding" in late 1950 and early 1951; night riding was reportedly not authorized by the Klavern and was stopped by them; three men stated to have been known to have associated with WADE in these activities although they were not identified in the report;

(h) [redacted] white male, reported to be a carpenter employed by the Atomic Energy Commission presently residing at Pine Shade Trailer Park, Jackson, South Carolina;

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(i) [redacted] white male, who recently moved from Apopka, Florida, to Augusta, Georgia;

(j) [redacted] white male, employed at Bishop's Economy Food Market, Apopka.

With reference to the information set forth in the above report, it is to be noted that EARL BROOKLYN is a principal suspect in instant case and was erroneously described as having one hand missing. The other BROOKLYN referred to as a twin brother of EARL is actually the individual who has an amputation of one arm and who is not a twin of EARL BROOKLYN but a brother four years EARL's junior. This brother's name is EDGAR BROOKLYN.

BELVIN was described as residing opposite the American Bakery in Orlando. TILLMAN H. BELVIN, a suspect, resides 16 miles out of Orlando on Route 4, Box 400, Lake Drawdy.

[redacted] who is described as being a known Klan member and one who liked to engage in Klan activities is actually EDWARD JACKSON, Exalted Cyclops of an Association of Georgia Klans Klavern in Orlando.

[redacted] who is described/merely as an individual residing outside Apopka is actually [redacted] who was banished from the Association of Georgia Klans in Apopka approximately 1½ years ago.

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SCHMIDT described as a foreman at the Winter Garden Fruit Exchange is actually ALFONSO F. SCHMITT, the present Exalted Cyclops of the Association of Georgia Klans at Winter Garden.

JOE WADE described as having a U. S. machine gun and being a known Klan member is actually MARION EDWARD WADE, proprietor of Wade's Radio Repair Shop in Apopka. WADE in 1951 was Exalted Cyclops of the Association of Georgia Klans at Apopka and is active in Klan activities in the Apopka area.

[redacted] an associate of WADE and a former member of the Association of Georgia Klans at Apopka.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH and TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS, JR. on February 1, 1952, at Apopka, Florida.

BASIS: Dr. CHARLES H. DAMSEL, Apopka, Florida, was identified as the source of T- 6 information concerning possible suspects in Apopka in instant matter.

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Dr. CHARLES H. DAMSEL advised that for three years he was mayor of Apopka and during that tenure of office he endeavored to "clean up the town". He stated that since his tenure of office as mayor he has endeavored to keep informed on activities in the Apopka area. Dr. DAMSEL advised one [redacted] has been his patient for some time. He said [redacted] confidentially advised that one LELAND GEORGE, MARION EDWARD "JOE" WADE, T. J. McMENNAMY, ED JACKSON and ROY C. RAMSEY are individuals of unsavory character, not to be trusted, and that they are suspected of having participated in some of the acts of violence that have occurred in the Apopka area in recent years.

He stated he had also been told by [redacted] that one SCHMITT of Winter Garden is suspected of being very active in Klan matters in that area.

Dr. DAMSEL stated he attended the wife of LELAND GEORGE at childbirth and during delivery Mrs. GEORGE stated she was quite concerned about her husband's association with MARION E. WADE, T. J. McMENNAMY and EUGENE HOOD. According to Dr. DAMSEL Mrs. GEORGE stated her husband had been spending a great deal of time with WADE, McMENNAMY and HOOD and was away from home every night "carousing around". According to Dr. DAMSEL, Mrs. GEORGE did not furnish any specific information regarding the association but principally expressed her concern. DAMSEL stated it is his understanding LELAND GEORGE left Apopka several months ago and is presently employed near Augusta, Georgia, on the Atomic Energy project there.

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He expressed his desire to be of full cooperation with the Bureau in any manner in which he might be of service.

Dr. DAMSEL said that when he first came to Apopka several years ago the town was "rotten". It was not safe for a person to walk on the streets. He took it upon himself to "clean up the town" and said that during his three years as mayor he had gone a long way in accomplishing his objective. He indicated he is not through with his reforming program as yet and that before he is through he intends to "get the town completely clean".

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. WAYNE SWINNEY at Eustis, Florida, on February 6, 1952.

BASIS: To locate and interview THOMAS HILLARD SCOTT to ascertain whether he is or has been a member of the KKK and any information he may have concerning instant investigation in view of the fact he was a visitor in the home of his cousin, LEON HUTCHESON, at Mims, Florida, on Christmas Day, 1951.

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THOMAS HILLARD SCOTT, Box 542, Mount Dora, Florida, was interviewed at his place of employment in Eustis and advised he was on Christmas Day, 1951, fishing with a girl friend at Oak Hill, Florida. He advised they went to the home of LEON HUTCHESON at Mims and left the fish they had caught at the HUTCHESON residence, returning to Mount Dora that day. He stated they left Mims before dark and knew nothing concerning the death of MOORE prior to their reading it in the newspaper. He advised he had subsequently talked to HUTCHESON and was of the opinion HUTCHESON knew of no information relative the identities of the perpetrators of instant offense. He further advised he had not been and is not a member of the Ku Klux Klan and that, although he had heard considerable about the Klan, he knew little of its activities.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. WAYNE SWINNEY at Ocala, Florida, on February 6, 1952.

BASIS: To reinterview ANNIE ROSAELA MOORE, daughter of victims, for any information she might have concerning the allegation that she had observed some white men walking around their house in Mims, Florida, on the afternoon prior to her father's death.

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ANNIE ROSAELA MOORE was interviewed at the Howard Academy where she teaches school and advised there was no basis for the above allegation as she had certainly not seen any white men walking around their home at Mims on the day in question and had she seen such individuals she would have reported this information. She assured the interviewing Agent that should any information come to her attention in the future she would make it available to this Office. She said she visited in Mims the preceeding week-end and had received no information relative the perpetrators of her father's death.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. WAYNE SWINNEY, January 25, 1952 at Orlando. Florida:

BASIS: To reinterview JOHN P. ELLIS, Route 7, Box 3720, relative to having him elaborate on his statement that "MOORE was not a big enough man to hold the office he held and the office had outgrown him".

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JOHN P. ELLIS, upon reinterview, advised that with reference to his statement concerning MOORE's not being a big enough man to hold the office of Executive Secretary of the NAACP and that the office had outgrown him, he felt that MOORE lacked the dynamic personality which should accompany such an office. ELLIS stated he further felt that MOORE did not capitalize upon events that happened in order to increase the membership in the NAACP.

ELLIS stated he felt that after the shooting of the suspects in the Lake County case, MOORE should have come to Orlando and instigated a membership drive in the NAACP in an effort to build up the organization.

According to ELLIS, MOORE was in a position to arbitrate disputes that arose within the NAACP like the dispute in the local chapter at Orlando, Florida, however MOORE would not take issue in these things and for that reason he felt MOORE was not qualified as Executive Secretary of the NAACP.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent MARTIN A. MANLEY at West Palm Beach, Florida on January 17 and 18, 1952:

BASIS: Post card received by West Palm Beach resident from unknown person, containing anti-negro remarks.

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Mrs. EDITH SNYDER, P. O. BOX 8025, West Palm Beach, Florida or 1619 Spruce Street, West Palm Beach, Florida, Telephone 2-2685 or 9616, who is President of the Property Owners Management Association in West Palm Beach, Florida, turned over a post card addressed to the City Hall. This post card is postmarked West Palm Beach, Florida, January 13, 1952, 6:00 P.M. and addressed "Mrs. EDITH SNYDER P.O.M.A. City Hall; W. Palm Beach, Fla." The following is on the reverse side of this card:

"W. Palm Beach"  
1-10-1952

"We congratulate you in your hate against nigras A group is being formed to represent as head with a salary worthwhile to confiscate nigras property with aid of councilman REESE you fit into our plans admirably BILL HENDRIX our leader feel you represents admirably and we want you to speak on our recent success at Mimms Fla abundance of material for you to work with

Counsallier LLOYD FRISCOM"

This post card was handed to Mrs. SNYDER at a meeting at City Hall and when she read it she remarked that she was going to turn it over to the FBI. She stated that most of the people at that meeting, which was an open meeting, heard her make the remark that she was going to turn it over to the FBI. Mrs. SNYDER stated that she does not know who would have sent the card and that she does not know anyone named FRISCOM. She believes that it is a political trick pulled by some of her political enemies.

Mr. KEITH CHINN, City Manager, West Palm Beach, Florida, advised that instant card came in the afternoon mail of January 14, 1952 and that he turned it over to Mrs. SNYDER on January 16, 1952. He did not know how to reach her sooner and he knew that she would be at this meeting on January 16, 1952. Mr. CHINN stated that he does not know anyone named FRISCOM and that he had no idea who would have sent the card. He stated that after he read the card that he tried to ascertain from friends and from directories the identity of the person sending the card.



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There is no record of LLOYD FRISCOM at the Credit Bureau, Police Department or Sheriff's Office, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Mrs. EDITH SNYDER later advised on January 17, 1952 that at 8:05 A.M. January 17, 1952 someone telephoned the store where she works, a man's voice, and asked if she was Mrs. SNYDER, she said yes and then the man asked if she were Mrs. EDITH SNYDER and she answered yes, then the man said "Don't turn that card over to the FBI that you received" and the man hung up the telephone.

Mrs. SNYDER stated that she did not recognize the voice and has no idea who called her on the phone. She stated she believes it is someone kidding her because she gave two newspaper reporters who were at the meeting, when she said she would turn the card over to the FBI, her telephone number and she believes that it was someone at the meeting.

It will be noted that a post card was received at Mims, Florida postmarked at West Palm Beach, Florida, and may have been sent by the same unknown person as there was similar information on both.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. WAYNE SWINNEY, January 17, 1952 at Plymouth, Florida:

BASIS: To locate and interview JAMES ARTHUR SCOTT to ascertain whether he was a member of the KKK and relative to his activities in Mims, Florida on Christmas day at the home of his cousin, LEON HUTCHESON.

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JAMES ARTHUR SCOTT, Box 258, Plymouth, Florida, upon interview, advised that he and his family spent Christmas day at the home of his cousin, LEON HUTCHESON at Mims, Florida and some of the relatives had gone fishing that day. He advised he helped clean fish at LEON HUTCHESON's residence until just after dark as they had to use a flashlight in cleaning the last of the fish.

He stated they then went to visit his sick uncle, HILLARD HUTCHESON and had a drink with him after which they left for Plymouth, Florida.

According to SCOTT, he assumed they left Mims, Florida around 9 P.M. and knew nothing of the instant explosion until they read it in the paper.

SCOTT stated he was not and never had been a member of the KKK inasmuch as he entered the Army at an early age and had been busy attempting to make a living subsequent to his discharge. He further advised he spent most of his evenings attending the vocational school in Orlando, Florida and would have no time for Klan activities.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. WAYNE SWINNEY on January 16, 1952, at Groveland, Florida.

BASES: Reinterview JOHN BROWN, Box 351, Groveland, Florida, relative MOORE's activities in Groveland in July, 1951.

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JOHN and LONA BROWN, Box 351, on reinterview advised they were certain MOORE had not been in Groveland in July, 1951. BROWN advised Agent SWINNEY that should MOORE have been in the Groveland area the same would be known to KING LAMAR who was considered the leader of the negroes in that area.

KING LAMAR, Box 285, upon contact advised that following the rape case at Groveland there was some talk of organizing a chapter of the NAACP at Groveland; however, the colored people felt this would only irritate the existing strife and they refused to enter into the fund raising campaign for the defense of the subjects of this rape case. LAMAR stated he was positive MOORE had not been in Groveland in the last year and that he knew of no activities of MOORE in that area since the rape case occurred. He advised MOORE had not been at Groveland attempting to organize a chapter of the NAACP but there had been some talk of this. He advised he was considered the leader of his people in that community and that after the rape case occurred the Chief of Police and others had contacted him and arranged through him for the evacuation of the colored people from Groveland.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent EUGENE T. GARBUTT on January 16, 19 and 31, 1952 and February 1 and 4, 1952 at West Palm Beach, Fort Pierce and Wabasso, all Florida.

BASIS: 1951 Florida license tag 6 W 4560 ascertained to be tag of automobile of HORATIO GRISBY, President of the Fort Pierce branch of NAACP and member of the Progressive Voters League of Florida.

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Investigation at West Palm Beach reflects, from the records of the Florida Highway Patrol, that 1951 Florida license tag 6 W 4560 belongs to MAGGIE MURRAY, 630 - 7th Street, West Palm Beach, Florida.

MAGGIE MURRAY stated she traded a 1948 Pontiac to Lockett Motors for a 1951 Plymouth in September, 1951.

J. C. LOCKETT, 5601 Broadway, West Palm Beach, Florida, advised he sold a 1948 two-door Pontiac, Florida license tag 6 W 4560 to HORATIO GRISBY, 538 Means Street, Fort Pierce, Florida.

Investigation at Fort Pierce, Florida revealed the following. HORATIO GRISBY, 538 Means Court, advised he owned a two-door 1948 Pontiac, 1951 Florida license tag 6 W 4560, and that he is President of the Fort Pierce Branch of the NAACP and a member of the Progressive Voters League of Florida. He stated he is not a member of the Board of Directors of the Progressive Voters League of Florida.

GRISBY described himself as being about the closest friend of HARRY T. MOORE in Fort Pierce; however, he was unable to furnish any information as to the names of other close friends or enemies of the victims.

GRISBY said MOORE enjoyed a good reputation within the NAACP and that his job was voted out at the Daytona Beach Convention in November 1951 because the organization felt it was getting too far into debt to MOORE. He further said that nobody was out to get MOORE or his job. GRISBY also recalled that the last time he talked to MOORE was at that convention and that MOORE never made any remarks about receiving any threats or objections to his work of any kind. GRISBY recalled that MOORE was in Fort Pierce two weeks prior to the bombing and wanted to see him but they were not able to get together.

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GRISBY was unable to furnish the names of any of MOORE's close friends and had no personal opinion concerning the bombing and knew of no minister or other persons who may have attended Mrs. MOORE before she died.

ROBERT ALLEN, Principal, Lincoln Park Annex School, Fort Pierce, Florida, advised he has known HARRY T. MOORE about six years and attended his funeral at Mims. He stated that MOORE was in Fort Pierce about three weeks prior to the bombing and addressed a Veterans meeting. ALLEN said that in a private conversation prior to the meeting he, ALLEN, questioned MOORE about the attitude of the people regarding his investigation of the Lake County shooting. MOORE replied, according to ALLEN, that he had received possibly three threats and had them with him. ALLEN interpreted this to mean that MOORE had something in writing in either his brief case or his car. ALLEN stated MOORE said, "I've had at least three; in fact I've got them in the car." ALLEN also recalled that he thought MOORE said one of the threats was from an official. At this point in the conversation, ALLEN said, an interruption occurred and the topic was pursued no further. He stated that he knew of nobody else MOORE might have talked to about any threats and that he knew of nothing else that would have a bearing on this investigation. He furnished the name of JAMES YOUNG, DDS, Fort Pierce, Florida who might have talked to MOORE at the Veterans meeting.

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<sub>33/4</sub> ALLEN stated that MOORE enjoyed a good reputation among the negroes and that he knew of nobody who was MOORE's enemy. He added that he only knew Mrs. MOORE slightly and did not know any of her friends or enemies.

~~JAMES~~ YOUNG, DDS, 403 North 13th Street, Fort Pierce, advised he knew HARRY T. MOORE about three years and attended his funeral at Mims, Florida in a black 1948 four-door Chrysler sedan, 1951 Florida license 24 W 534. He stated he met MOORE at a NAACP meeting in 1949 when he was requested to enter dental practice at Fort Pierce, Florida. He stated he was a member of the NAACP but has allowed his membership to lapse in the past year. YOUNG added that he met MOORE generally at meetings and did not consider himself to be a close friend of MOORE or Mrs. MOORE. He stated that he last talked with MOORE at a Veterans meeting in Fort Pierce about three weeks prior to the bombing.

YOUNG appraised MOORE as being well regarded generally by negroes in and out of the NAACP and the Progressive Voters League of Florida. However, he added MOORE possessed a driving personality of a type that could make people dislike him although he does not know of anyone who was MOORE'S enemy or who disliked him.

YOUNG advised the colored woman in Wabasso, Florida was reported to be the sister of a negro man named JACKSON, a fruit grove worker, may have some information concerning the correspondence in MOORE'S brief case.

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It was determined that the negro woman mentioned by Dr. JAMES YOUNG was the sister of THEODORE JACKSON who is employed by the Deerfield Groves, Wabasso, Florida. She is ISOBELLE J. NEWMAN, Post Office Box 110, Wabasso, Florida.

ISOBELLE J. NEWMAN, Post Office Box 110, Wabasso, Florida, advised she was the sister of THEODORE JACKSON and also is Secretary of the Wabasso Branch of the NAACP. She stated that she last saw HARRY T. MOORE and HARRIETT MOORE several months ago. She further advised that she did not know any friends or enemies of the MOORES, and believed them to possess a good reputation among negroes and in the NAACP. NEWMAN stated that the only letters she had ever seen in connection with MOORE were some that concerned the Groveland case. She stated she was unable to recall what the letters contained and that she had seen them over a year ago. She stated that she did not see Mrs. MOORE before she died nor did she attend the funerals.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH, CLYDE P. ADERHOLD and TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS, JR. on January 30 and February 3, 1952, at Orlando, Florida.

BASIS: HENRY SHEPHERD and CHARLIE MAE SHEPHERD, father and mother of deceased SAMUEL SHEPHERD who was killed by Sheriff WILLIS V. McCALL, interviewed at their residence inasmuch as information previously received that victim HARRY T. MOORE had visited SHEPHERD residence a short time after SAMUEL SHEPHERD was shot.

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HENRY SHEPHERD, father of deceased SAMUEL SHEPHERD, advised that he recalls that HARRY T. MOORE visited his residence in Orlando a short time after the fatal shooting of SAMUEL SHEPHERD. He stated he is unable to recall the exact date MOORE visited his residence inasmuch as he had numerous callers and both he and his wife were very much upset during that period of time over the death of their son.

He stated, as well as he can recall HARRY T. MOORE was accompanied by J. P. ELLIS, the latter being very active in NAACP work in the Orlando area. SHEPHERD explained that the purpose of MOORE's visit was to explain to the SHEPHERD family that the body of SAMUEL SHEPHERD could be obtained by his parents and brought to Orlando for burial. He stated MOORE's entire conversation was devoted to a discussion of the burial of SAMUEL SHEPHERD.

He also advised MOORE explained during his visit the expenses would be taken care of without expense to the SHEPHERD family. SHEPHERD explained he understood this statement to mean that the NAACP would financially assist the family in returning the body of their son to Orlando and also in burial expenses.

According to SHEPHERD, MOORE did not discuss any other matter during the visit nor did he make any statements regarding his work or in any way indicate himself to be in personal danger.

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SHEPHERD stated this was the first time he had ever had any personal contact with MOORE although he had often heard of MOORE's work with the NAACP. He also advised he does not have any information concerning the bombing of the MOORE residence or any information as to the persons responsible for it. He said he was picking fruit in the Mims area a few days before Christmas and upon returning to the Mims area a few days after Christmas he viewed the MOORE home. He added he had not received any information during that period of time concerning the bombing.

CHARLIE MAE SHEPHERD, mother of deceased SAMUEL SHEPHERD, was interviewed separately and was unable to furnish any information other than that furnished by her husband, HENRY SHEPHERD.

HENRY and CHARLIE MAE SHEPHERD were questioned as to any information they might have regarding the activities of MOORE in behalf of deceased SAMUEL SHEPHERD with regard to the trial and subsequent conviction of SAMUEL SHEPHERD and which matters are generally referred to as the Groveland incident. They stated they had heard that MOORE had been active as a representative of the NAACP in obtaining money for the defense of SAMUEL SHEPHERD but they pointed out they did not have any specific information in this regard. They stated the only time they had seen MOORE was during the visit he paid to their home as described above and they reiterated they did not have any information whatsoever regarding MOORE's activities.



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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM M. ALEXANDER at Jacksonville, Florida, on January 25, 1952.

BASIS: 1951 Florida tag 2W-12565 was observed at the funeral of victim HARRY T. MOORE at Mims, Florida.

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Investigation was conducted to identify and interview the owner of this tag to secure any information he might have relative the persons responsible for the deaths of the victims.

It was ascertained that 1951 tag 2W-12565 is listed as belonging to CHARLES MALLORY VAUGHT, 1355 West 8th Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

CHARLES MALLORY VAUGHT was interviewed at his home and stated he is employed as a carrier for the U. S. Post Office in Jacksonville. He stated he was a member of the NAACP chapter in Jacksonville and had formerly been the treasurer of the chapter in Jacksonville many years ago. He knew HARRY T. MOORE but did not know MOORE's wife and attended MOORE's funeral. He advised he had no information as to the activities of MOORE just prior to his death, inasmuch as he had not seen MOORE in over a year.

He stated he had no information as to the perpetrators of this crime but felt that the basis for the bombing was principally because of MOORE's activities in various counties over the state in securing equal pay for teachers. He said he had no specific information as to MOORE's activity along that line but he knew MOORE had been instrumental in securing equal pay for colored teachers in several counties throughout the state.

VAUGHT has been contacted on several previous occasions by Agents of the FBI at Jacksonville and has furnished reliable information. He stated he would be glad to report any information concerning negro activities in Jacksonville and should any information concerning this particular crime come to his attention he would immediately report same.

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T-3 is [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-4 is [redacted] Wildwood, Florida, Association of Georgia Klans, who has requested that his identity be kept confidential.

T-5 is [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-6 is CIC report dated January 28, 1952.

One copy of this report is being designated for the New York Office for information inasmuch as it is maintaining liaison with the National Headquarters of the NAACP.

Two copies of this report are designated for the Charlotte Office inasmuch as it is anticipated investigation will be requested of that office in the near future.

SAVANNAH OFFICE

AT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Will locate and interview LELAND GEORGE who is reported to be a carpenter employed by the Atomic Energy Commission and who is presently residing at Pine Shade Trailer Park, Jackson. GEORGE has been reported to be a member of the Association of Georgia Klans and banished and thereafter considered a "renegade". Dr. CHARLES H. DAMSEL confidentially advised that GEORGE's wife had stated he was associated with a group of men she suspected of being Klansmen. GEORGE should be interviewed to determine whether or not the name of victim HARRY T. MOORE has ever



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been mentioned at any Klan meetings or in any conversation he might have had with Klansmen. He should also be interviewed for any information he will furnish regarding Klan activities as well as any information as to the persons responsible for the bombing of the MOORE residence. It has been reported that suspect EARL J. BROOKLYN, also considered a "renegade", had in his possession a copy of the floor plans of the residence of MOORE. BROOKLYN supposedly had these plans at a Klan meeting at Apopka, Florida, approximately 1½ years ago. GEORGE should be questioned as to whether or not he recalls BROOKLYN having these plans in his possession.

MIAMI OFFICE

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will report results of additional Laboratory examinations.

Further leads for the Miami Division are not being set forth inasmuch as they are being handled on an immediate basis within the Division.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS, JR., Miami, 1-28-52.  
Numerous telephone calls from the Bureau to Miami and numerous teletypes between Miami and the Bureau as well as Miami and auxiliary offices.



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UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR.  
 WHEN INTERVIEWED AT HIS REQUEST, SUSPECT J. B. JOHNSON ADVISED THAT  
 AT MEETING OF ORLANDO KLAN, A.G.K., ON FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST, A  
 COMMITTEE OF TWELVE KLANSMEN WAS APPOINTED TO IDENTIFY PERSONS RESPO-  
 NSIBLE FOR MOORE BOMBING . JOHNSON DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF OR PARTICI-  
 PATION IN BOMBING OF MOORE RESIDENCE, BUT ADVISED THAT ANY INFO DEV-  
 ELOPED BY THE KLAN COMMITTEE WOULD BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO BUREAU  
 AGENTS EVEN IF KLAN INVOLVED, AS KLAN DESIRES TO EXONERATE ITSELF AS  
 RESULT INSTANT INVESTIGATION IN ORLANDO, FLA. AREA. INVESTIGATION  
 CONTINUING TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL SUSPECTS AND RENEGADE KLANSMEN  
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UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT WHO ORIGINALLY GAVE INFO CONCERNING FLOOR PLAN  
OF MOORE HOUSE REINTERVIEWED EXHAUSTIVELY TODAY STATES EMPHATICALLY  
THAT BROOKLYN VISITED HIS KLAVERN, THE APOPKA OF THE A. G. K. AT TIME

[REDACTED] AFTER THE MEETING AND OUTSIDE OF BUILD-  
ING BROOKLYN APPROACHED HIM AND HE BELIEVES A SMALL GROUP OF OTHER  
MEMBERS WHICH WAS COMPRISED OF ROBERT JUDAH AND FRED REISNER, CONSTABLE  
AT APOPKA AND PRESENT E. C. OF S. K., APOPKA. RECALLS THAT FOLLOWING  
STATEMENTS MADE BY BROOKLYN TO THE GROUP QUOTE LISTEN, FELLOWS, I-VE

GOT A DEAL. NOW, THIS NIGGER MOORE UP AT MIMS IS THE HEAD OF THE NAACP  
AND HE HAS PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT PART IN TRYING TO GET THE LAKE COUNTY  
NEGROES CLEARED OF THAT RAPE CHARGE. HE HAS CAUSED A LOT OF MONEY TO  
BE SENT DOWN FROM N. Y. TO BE USED IN DEFENDING THE NEGROES. I HAVE  
BEEN OVER AT MIMS AND HAVE CHECKED OVER THE PLACE CAREFULLY UNQUOTE.

AT THIS POINT BROOKLYN WITHDREW FROM HIS SHIRT POCKET A PIECE OF PLAIN  
WHITE PAPER WHICH WAS CRUMPLED AND FOLDED HE UNFOLDED THE PAPER  
WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY EIGHT SQUARE INCHES IN SIZE AND STATED QUOTE  
I HAVE HERE A PLAN OF THE HOUSE UNQUOTE, EXPLAINING TO INFORMANTS RECOLL-  
ECTION SOMETHING ABOUT A ROAD AND RR TRACKS RUNNING IN FRONT OF HOUSE.

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QUOTE I WANT TO RE-CASE THE PLACE CAREFULLY AND AM GOING TO TAKE SOME MEN OVER. - IS THERE ANY OF YOU THAT WANT TO GO WITH ME UNQUOTE. INFORMANT STATES CONVERSATION ENDED ABRUPTLY AT THIS POINT, WITH NO ONE STATING OR OFFERING ANY HELP, AND BROOKLYN DIDN-T PUSH HIS QUESTION ANY FURTHER. INFORMANT DREW FROM HIS RECOLLECTION THE DRAWING AS HE SAW IT, PLACING THE SPOT WHERE MOORE SLEPT AND PLACING THE FRONT DOOR IN THE CORRECT LOCATION. ALSO DRAWN WAS THE RR TRACK IN THE CORRECT DIRECTION FROM THE HOUSE. INFORMANT DID NOT DRAW BUT INDICATED A ROAD SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE RR TRACKS AND THE HOUSE WHICH IS ALSO CORRECT. INFORMANT ALSO DREW A SKETCH SHOWING THE KLAN MEETING HALL. OUTDOOR LIGHTS AND LAYOUT WHICH WAS LATER PERSONALLY VIEWED BY AGENTS AND FOUND TO BE EXACTLY AS DESCRIBED. INFORMANT STATES BELVIN AT SAME MEETING BUT NOT PRESENT WHEN BROOKLYN DISCUSSED MOORE AND EXHIBITED FLOOR PLANS. NOTHING SAID TO INDICATE ACTION PLANNED BUT INFORMANT REITERATED THAT HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT MOORE WAS TO BE GIVEN A WHIPPING BECAUSE OF HIS ACTION IN THE GROVELAND CASE. BELIEVES THE HELP REQUESTED WAS NOT TO TAKE ANY IMMEDIATE ACTION BUT TO ASSIST IN WATCHING MOORE-S HOUSE TO LEARN HIS MOVEMENTS AND DETERMINE BEST TIME TO DO THE JOB.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (44-4118)

DATE: February 26, 1952

FROM : SAC, Miami (44-270)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MOORE,  
HARRIETT MOORE - VICTIMS (deceased)  
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Remylet to Director, 1-12-52, with copies to all continental offices.

Information has been received during investigation of this case that victim HARRY T. MOORE was a supporter of FULLER WARREN and after WARREN was elected governor of Florida, MOORE on one occasion interviewed WARREN. In August, 1949 MOORE wrote a letter to Governor WARREN regarding the beating of WALTER LEE IRVIN, SAMUEL SHEPHERD and CHARLES GREENLEE by Lake County officers following the alleged rape of a Lake County white woman by these individuals. MOORE called upon the governor to immediately have an investigation made into the alleged beatings and also requested that they not be entrusted to the custody of the Lake County officers again and that they be allowed to leave Raiford Penitentiary only under special guard.

Subsequent to this time SAMUEL SHEPHERD was shot and killed by Lake County Sheriff WILLIS V. McCALL and WALTER LEE IRVIN was severely wounded near Umatilla, Florida, during the time Sheriff McCALL was transporting the prisoners to Tavares, Florida, for a hearing with regard to a retrial of the rape case in which SHEPHERD and IRVIN were convicted and sentenced to death.

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Investigation has disclosed that MOORE was vitally interested in the trial of these negroes which is generally referred to as the Groveland case and in this regard MOORE was very active in soliciting funds for the defense of the negroes. There is some belief, although unsubstantiated by specific information, that the death of MOORE and his wife came about as a result of MOORE's efforts in regard to the Groveland case. Investigation to date has not disclosed any evidence or information that persons in Lake County were responsible for the bombing.

Information has been received also that sometime during 1949 two white men were making inquiry at Mims, Florida, regarding the whereabouts of HARRY T. MOORE's home and one stated to a milk delivery man that he was a deputy sheriff or sheriff of Madison County, Florida, and his reason for his interest in MOORE was that MOORE had written a letter to Governor WARREN which was postmarked Mims, Florida. The milk delivery man stated he gathered from the brief conversation with this man that MOORE had been very critical in his letter and the inquirer was making a routine check as to the identity of victim MOORE.

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The inquirer was described as:

Race	white
Sex	male
Age	35-38 (in 1949)
Weight	160-170
Height	5'8"
Build	medium
Clothing	dressed in business suit

Investigation to date has not identified this man although investigation is pending in Madison County to ascertain from the Madison County Sheriff's Office if anyone from that office was inquiring in 1949 as to the whereabouts of MOORE. It is to be noted that ERNEST THOMAS who was one of the negroes who allegedly raped the white woman in Lake County along with IRVIN, SHEPHERD and GREENLEE was shortly after the alleged rape shot and killed by members of a posse in Madison County. THOMAS was at the time allegedly resisting arrest and exhibiting a firearm, whereupon the men approaching him shot and killed him. It is not known whether MOORE did any investigation or communicated with the governor's office in regard to the shooting of ERNEST THOMAS in Madison County.

It is requested the Mobile Office contact the governor's office at Tallahassee, Florida, and ascertain what contact MOORE had with that office, either in person or by correspondence, as well as the nature of any complaints he might have made to the governor's office involving incidents in Florida which might afford any information of value in determining the identities of the persons responsible for the killing of the victims. Also ascertain if the governor's office instructed officials of Madison County to make inquiry regarding MOORE.

It is requested that this investigation be given expeditious attention.

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UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED., CR. FRED REISNER, CONSTABLE AND TREASURER PAREN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS EC PAREN OF SK DASH KKK AT APOPKA, WHO ACCORDING TO RECOLLECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT WAS PRESENT IN SMALL GROUP WHEN FLOOR PLANS MOORE HOUSE SHOWN, INTERVIEWED. HE RECALLS EARL BROOKLYN AND BELVIN ATTENDING KLAN MEETINGS IN APOPKA BUT UNABLE TO EVEN APPROXIMATE THE TIME OF SUCH ATTENDANCE. DENIES EVER SEEING THE PLANS OR EVER HEARING OF HARRY MOORE UNTIL AFTER THE CHRISTMAS DAY BOMBING. STATES HE DOES NOT BELIEVE BROOKLYN WOULD SOLICIT ANY ASSISTANCE FROM THE APOPKA KLAN BECAUSE OF QUOTE BAD BLOOD UNQUOTE EXISTING BETWEEN BILL BOGAR WHO WAS EC AND BROOKLYN. REISNER EXPLAINED THE BAD BLOOD BY STATING BOGAR WAS APPOINTED KLEAGLE PAREN TITLE OF AN ORGANIZER FOR THE ORDER PAREN BY SAM ROPER MUCH TO THE DISPLEASURE OF BROOKLYN AND SEVERAL OTHERS IN WINTER GARDEN AND ORLANDO. BROOKLYN AND OTHERS, IDENTITY UNKNOWN, TRIED TO GET BOGAR OUSTED AS KLEAGLE AND EC. LATTER INFO SUBSTANTIATED IN PART BY INFORMANT WHO STATED PREVIOUSLY THAT A GROUP COMPRISED OF BELVIN, BROOKLYN, JUDAH, MASK AND JACKSON IN A MEETING AT APOPKA DEMANDED BOGAR-S RESIGNATION. REISNER BELIEVES BROOKLYN TO BE OF BAD CHARACTER AND INVOLVED IN BEATING OF OLD WHITE MAN NAMED L. T. HUNT IN APOPKA APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO. REISNER STATES EMPHATICALLY THAT HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE MOORE BOMBING NOR HAS HE EVER HEARD ANY RUMORS OF ANY PERSONS BEING INVOLVED.

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DATE: February 1, 1952

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HARRIETT MOORE (Deceased) - VICTIMS  
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*Jan*

Re report of ASAC W. W. BURKE, Jr., Miami, 1-11-52.

There are attached sufficient sets of pages 156 through 163, representing an index, which it is requested be attached to copies of referenced report.

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UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, ETAL, VICTIMS, CR. PHYLLIS WILLOUGHBY,  
 WHITE OWNER OF QUOTE LITTLE HARLEM UNQUOTE, COLORED CAFE AND  
 JUKE JOINT IN APOPKA, FLA., ADVISED SHE RECEIVED INDIRECTLY ON  
 OR ABOUT DECEMBER EIGHT, FIFTYONE, A THREAT THAT SHE SHOULD GET  
 OUT OF BUSINESS AND IF SHE DID NOT HER PLACE WOULD BE DYNAMITED.  
 LEARNED THE SOURCE OF THREAT WAS WILLIAM GODING, SR., OF APOPKA,  
 A KLANSMAN OF THE SOUTHERN KNIGHTS KKK. ADVISED SHERIFF DAVE  
 STARR OF THREAT AND WAS TOLD HE DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT MAN-  
 POWER TO GUARD HER PLACE AND IF SHE RECEIVED SUCH A THREAT SHE  
 SHOULD GET OUT OF BUSINESS BECAUSE STARR DID NOT WANT HER TO  
 GET HURT. STARR SAID QUOTE YOU HAVE TO LIVE LIKE THE SOUTH  
 DOES WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT UNQUOTE. ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER  
 TWENTY, FIFTYONE, UPON OPENING LITTLE HARLEM, SHE DISCOVERED  
 REAR DOOR HAD BEEN BROKEN OPEN, ALL GAS JETS OF STOVE AND GRILL  
 TURNED ON, PILOT LIGHTS OUT AND REMAINS OF CANDLE STUCK BETWEEN

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FLOOR PLATFORM SLATS NEAR STOVE. CANDLE HAD BEEN LIT AND BURNED DOWN, GONE OUT WITHOUT IGNITING GAS TO CAUSE AN EXPLOSION. ONLY VENTILATION IN ROOM PREVENTED INTENDED EXPLOSION. ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE OF THEFT FROM WELL STOCKED CAFE. CHIEF OF POLICE BILL DUNAWAY, APOPKA, ALSO A SOUTHERN KNIGHT KKK, AND A DEPUTY CONDUCTED EXTREMELY CURSORY INVESTIGATION REFUSING TO LIFT OBVIOUS FINGERPRINTS. WILLOUGHBY HAD PEACE WARRANT TAKEN OUT DECEMBER TEN LAST FOR GODING BUT IT WAS NOT SERVED. SHE WAS TOLD BY SHERIFF STARR THAT SERVING THE WARRANT ON GODING WOULD NOT SERVE ANY PURPOSE BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WANTED HER OUT AND WOULD NOT DO ANY BOMBING BUT WOULD HAVE MEN COME IN TO DO THE JOB FROM SOME DISTANT PLACE SUCH AS MIAMI. MRS. WILLOUGHBY THEREAFTER EMPLOYED NEGRO HELP TO OPERATE THE BUSINESS AND SHE DOES NOT PERSONALLY WORK IN THE CAFE ANY MORE.

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Bombings of Carver Village,  
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September 22, 1951, and  
November 30, 1951  
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Bombings of Jewish Temples,  
Schools and Centers, Miami,  
Florida  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(MM 44-264)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
HARRY T. MOORE - VICTIM (deceased)  
HARRIETT MOORE - VICTIM (deceased)  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(MM 44-270)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Dynamite Incident, Sts. Peter  
and Paul Catholic Church,  
Miami, Florida  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Miami letter to the Bureau dated 1/11/52.

At the present time the Cleveland Office has no sources or informants in the Ku Klux Klan; inquiry among the security informants of this office has also failed to reflect any information relative to the bombings of the persons and places indicated in the title of this letter.

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**EAST SIDE,  
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**Bigotry Blemishes  
 American Democracy**

By FRANK CONNIFF

SO NOW I'm back in America and the thrill of being home carries a terrific wallop until I pick up a newspaper and learn that bigotry is on the bounce in our blessed land again.

This time it's Florida where an ugly rip in the fabric of democracy has made its appearance. Man named Harry Moore and his wife were bombed out of their bedroom and killed by some people who, I guess, resented his attempt to build a decent life for his family and his race.

The fact that Harry Moore was a Negro is beside the point. What happened in Mims, Fla., is a somber testimonial that the forces of evil aren't all operating out of Moscow. We have people at large right here in the United States who are as much a threat to our liberties as any Kremlin agent.

When you travel overseas, you unconsciously store up impressions proving to yourself the superiority of the homeland to anything encountered in the Old World. An American in Europe these days is a proud man as he sees his country emerging to the fore and shouldering responsibilities never before essayed by a single nation.

And behind the material evidence of American generosity, you know there is an intangible dedication to freedom that quite eclipses anything yet produced on the Continent. Americans at their best have a breadth of spirit and a warmth of emotion far surpassing the meager philosophies of the older cultures.

But when you return and read

of atrocities such as the Moore bombing, there is a shriveling of your belief in the righteousness of American folkways. You know instinctively that the Moore case will be trumpeted by Russian propagandists all over the world. You know that whoever fused the bomb has contributed mightily to the Kremlin's arsenal.

American Negroes, by and large, have earned the gratitude of their fellow citizens by their complete resistance to Communist blandishments. The one section of the American population wherein the Red organizers might be expected to make headway has presented a united front against the comrades. Terror, abuse, and grinding poverty have been unable to shake the American Negro's faith in democracy. They have taken their stand as loyal American citizens and the overtures of the Kremlin have fallen on barren soil.

I was talking about this a few days ago with Judge F. X. McGohey, the man who prosecuted and secured the conviction of the ten Communist leaders in the famous trial before Judge Harold Medina. The latter's masterful handling of the trial produced nationwide acclaim, but I have always thought that Mr. McGohey's brilliant conduct of the case was its outstanding feature.

Mr. McGohey and dedicated aides such as Irving Saypol worked round-the-clock for almost 20 months in preparing the case.

They studied every facet of the Communist creed and apparatus. They proved in court that they had a finer knowledge of the Red mechanism than the comrades themselves. And what do you think impressed Judge McGohey the most during his intensive study of the Communist penetration in America? Listen:

"It was the Communists' inability to secure any foothold among the Negro population. The Comintern had taken it for granted that it would be easy to secure recruits among the Negroes. The proper strategy to be used in penetrating the Negroes was the subject of high-level discussion. And everything they tried was a terrible failure. The Negroes just wouldn't buy their propaganda.

"When it came time to pick a jury, many good lawyers said that I had made a mistake in accepting Negro jurors. But I knew different. There were three on the jury, one the foreman. I was convinced they would judge the case strictly on the evidence and not be swayed by any demagogic appeal from Communist counsel."

Outrages such as the Moore bombing are cruel sores blemishing the otherwise healthy body of American democracy. The big point is that they shouldn't be allowed to happen at all. Florida, authorities and the Federal Government should be held strictly to account if they fail to bring the killers to justice.

We can't permit these things to happen here.

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UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR. PHILIP SAMUEL HUGGINS, APOPKA, FORMER EC OF APOPKA KLAVERN KKK AND FOR SEVERAL YEARS HOLDING VARIOUS OFFICES IN BOTH AGK AND SK, INTERVIEWED. ADVISED HE WAS ONE OF BILL BOGAR-S OFFICERS AND IN FAIRLY REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT KLAN MEETINGS. KNOWS BOTH EARL BROOKLYN AND T. H. BELVIN AND STATES BOTH FREQUENTLY ATTENDED MEETINGS WHILE APOPKA KLAN WAS WITH THE AGK, ALSO OFTEN IN ATTENDANCE WITH EARL WAS BROTHER EDGAR. ADVISES MEN OFTEN GATHER OUTSIDE OF MEETING HALL IN SMALL GROUPS AND DISCUSS VARIOUS TOPICS. STATES HE HAS NEVER HEARD BROOKLYN DISCUSS MOORE OR EXHIBIT FLOOR PLANS. HAS NEVER HEARD OF ANY TERRORIST ACTIVITIES INVOLVING BROOKLYN OR BELVIN. ADMITTED READING NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ABOUT HARRY MOORE AND HIS ACTIVITIES IN NAACP BEFORE BOMBING AT MIMS. SUBSTANTIATES INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CI AS TO MEN WHO WERE BOGAR-S OFFICERS AND LIKELY TO BE IN REGULAR ATTENDANCE DURING PERIOD WHEN PLANS MOORE-S HOUSE WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SHOWN.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISES WINTER GARDEN KLAN, ASSOCIATION GEORGIA  
KLAN, HAS CONSULTED ATTORNEY G. B. FISHBACK, ORLANDO, FLORIDA AS TO  
THEIR RIGHTS WHEN BEING INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS. ACCORDING TO  
INFORMANT FISHBACK TOLD KLAN THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE TO TALK ABOUT KLAN  
ACTIVITIES TO AGENTS BUT IF EVER SUBPOENAED BEFORE GRAND JURY THEY

SHOULD TELL EVERYTHING. INFORMANT HAS LEARNED THAT SUSPECT EARL  
BROOKLYN WAS QUOTE ON A JOB UNQUOTE APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO WHEN

KLAN TRIED TO ABDUCT A NEGRO. NEGRO SCREAMED AND WHITE MEN BECAME  
FRIGHTENED, LEAVING HURRIEDLY IN AUTO, SUSPECT BROOKLYN FAILED TO  
GET INTO DEPARTING CAR AND WAS LEFT ON THE STREET. BROOKLYN ALLEGEDLY  
RAN BEHIND NEARBY STORES WHERE HE WAS SUPPOSEDLY SEEN BY BOB DAVIS,  
WINTER GARDEN DRUGGIST. PHOTOS OF KLAN MEMBERS AT WINTER GARDEN AND  
OPOPKA, FLORIDA BEING OBTAINED FOR EXHIBITION TO WITNESSES.

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UNABLE TO DESCRIBE PARTICIPANTS OR FLEEING AUTOMOBILES. AS HE DROVE BY IN CAR, SAW ONE MAN HAVE WHAT HE BELIEVES WAS A SHOT GUN AND HURRIEDLY DROVE AROUND CORNER TO GET OUT OF LINE OF FIRE. WHILE OUT OF SIGHT HEARD GUNFIRE. PERRY MOORE, ELI THOMPSON, AND WARREN BERNHARD, INDIVIDUALS WHO ACCORDING TO CI WERE BILL BOGAR-S OFFICERS WHEN HE WAS EC AND IN

FAIRLY REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS DURING PERIOD WHEN BROOKLYN IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE DISCUSSED HARRY T. MOORE AND EXHIBITED FLOOR PLANS MOORE HOUSE, INTERVIEWED. PERRY MOORE ADMITS KLAN MEMBERSHIP, § DENIES KNOWING BROOKLYN OR BELVIN OR SEEING FLOOR PLANS. REFUSED TO DISCUSS KLAN ACTIVITIES OR KLAN MEMBERS. THOMPSON DENIES KNOWING BROOKLYN OR BELVIN, ADMITS KLAN MEMBERSHIP, BUT DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. BERNHARD DENIES KLAN MEMBERSHIP OR KNOWING EITHER SUSPECT. OTHER MEN WHO WERE BOGAR-S KLAN OFFICERS BEING INTERVIEWED. AFTER NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS APPOINTMENT MADE FOR MARCH FIRST TO INTERVIEW ROBERT L. JUDAH, WHO IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SEEN FLOOR PLANS ALONG WITH BOGAR AND FRED REISNER.

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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TWENTYEIGHTH INSTANT

UACB AGENT OF THIS OFFICE WILL SIT IN ON CONFERENCE TALLAHASSEE,  
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE /DECEASED/  
VICTIMS, CIVIL RIGHTS. CLANCY LAKE, REPORTER, BIRMINGHAM NEWS,  
ON FEBRUARY TWENTY SIXTH LAST REPORTED TO BIRMINGHAM OFFICE THAT  
HE AND INVESTIGATOR BEN L. ALLEN, WITH THE HIGHWAY PATROL, WENT  
TO OPELIKA, ALABAMA, TOGETHER TO SECURE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO  
RECENT BOMBING OF HOME OF HUGH BENTLEY AT PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA,  
AND INFORMANT OF ALLEN FURNISHED INFORMATION WHICH HE STATED HAD  
BEEN SECURED FROM ONE JAMES CLIFF BEARDEN THAT THE BOMBINGS OF  
THE BENTLEY HOME, THE BOMBINGS IN MIMS AND MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND  
THOSE OF THE NEGRO HOMES IN THE NORTH SMITHFIELD COURT AREA IN  
BIRMINGHAM WERE ALL PERPETRATED BY ONE E. E. CAMPBELL, WHOM HE  
DESCRIBED AS THE EXALTED CYCLOPS OF THE ROBERT E. LEE KLAVERN  
NUMBER ONE OF THE KKK AT BIRMINGHAM. THIS INFORMANT COULD NOT  
FURNISH AT THAT TIME ANY SPECIFIC EVIDENCE LINKING CAMPBELL TO  
THESE BOMBINGS BUT INDICATED THAT HIS SOURCE WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
KLOKAN OF THE KKK, OF WHICH INFORMANT WAS ALSO A MEMBER. ON  
FEBRUARY TWENTY SEVENTH AND TWENTY EIGHTH BEN L. ALLEN AND W.

LAMAR ALLEN, STATE INVESTIGATORS, APPEARED AT THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE,  
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FROM OUTSIDE OF APOPKA KLAN WERE ALEX SCHMITT OF WINTER GARDEN, WHO USUALLY VISITED ABOVE, AND ROY RAMSEY AND EDDIE JACKSON OF ORLANDO, WHO WERE PARTICULARLY OPPOSED TO BOGAR-S POSITION AS KLEAGLE. DOES NOT RECALL EITHER BROOKLYN OR BELVIN BEING INVOLVED IN THAT OUSTER MOVEMENT. RECALLS ROBERT L. JUDAH BUT DOES NOT REMEMBER EVER SEEING HIM AT AN APOPKA KLAN MEETING. TEDDY LAWRENCE SMITH, WHO ACCORDING TO CI WAS ALWAYS REGULAR IN ATTENDANCE DURING BOGAR-S TERM AS EC, INTERVIEWED. KNOWS BOTH BROOKLYN AND BELVIN. RECALLS SEEING THEM AT KLAN MEETINGS. DENIES EVER SEEING FLOOR PLANS OR EVER HEARING BROOKLYN DISCUSS MOORE. NEVER HEARD OF MOORE UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY BOMBING.

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AND CORROBORATED THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY LAKE PREVIOUSLY. THEY INDICATED THAT THEIR SOURCE OF INFORMATION ALSO SECURED INFORMATION FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS IN TOUCH WITH E. E. CAMPBELL. ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT NAME THIS PERSON, HE IS BELIEVED TO BE . THESE INVESTIGATORS ALSO FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT THEY ARE IN TOUCH WITH AN INFORMANT AT BIRMINGHAM WHO WAS FORMERLY A KLAN OFFICER AND WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION RESULTING IN A MURDER CONVICTION OF KLAN MEMBERS. THIS SOURCE IS OF THE BELIEF THAT ALL BOMBINGS MENTIONED WERE PERPETRATED BY WILLIAM HUGH MORRIS AND BILL HENDRIX. MORRIS IS THE HEAD OF THE FEDERATED KU KLUX KLAN, INC. AT BIRMINGHAM, AND HENDRIX IS DESCRIBED AS HEAD OF THE SOUTHERN KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, MIAMI ORIGIN. BEN ALLEN STATES THAT NEITHER HIS BIRMINGHAM NOR OPELIKA INFORMANTS HAVE FURNISHED ANY INFORMATION THUS FAR WHICH WOULD ENABLE HIM TO CONDUCT ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION TENDING TO IMPLICATE CAMPBELL, MORRIS OR HENDRIX IN ANY OF THE BOMBINGS. HE STATES THAT HE IS MEETING WITH BOTH INFORMANTS OVER THE APPROACHING WEEK END AND WILL MAKE AVAILABLE RESULTS OF THESE INTERVIEWS IMMEDIATELY TO THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE. BEN ALLEN STATED THAT THE OPELIKA INFORMANT

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HAS INDICATED THAT THE MIMS, FLORIDA, BOMBING WAS A DEVIATION FROM THE REGULAR ROUTINE AS THE INFORMANT HAD INFORMATION THAT A CLOCK WAS USED IN THIS INSTANCE TO DETONATE THE CHARGE. IN PREVIOUS BOMBINGS THE EXPLOSIVE HAD BEEN HURLED FROM A MOVING VEHICLE. CAMPBELL IS PROMINENTLY MENTIONED IN THE BIRMINGHAM FILE PERTAINING TO KKK ACTIVITIES OVER A PERIOD OF MANY YEARS. IN MOST ACTIVITIES HE HAS STAYED IN THE BACKGROUND AND HAS NOT RECEIVED THE NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY THAT OTHER KLAN OFFICERS HAVE. HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE FAIRFIELD STEEL WORKS OF THE TENNESSEE COAL, IRON AND RAILROAD COMPANY AT BIRMINGHAM AS A MACHINIST SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. THE CREDIT FILES REFLECT THAT HIS FULL NAME IS EITHER ELLIS EDGAR CAMPBELL OR EDGAR ELLIS CAMPBELL. HE IS FORTY THREE YEARS OF AGE, HAVING BEEN BORN ON NOVEMBER NINE, NINETEEN NAUGHT EIGHT. THE CREDIT FILE CONTAINS NO REFERENCE TO HIS KLAN ACTIVITIES AND INDICATES THAT HE HAS "A GOOD BUSINESS REPUTATION AND IS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE ENGAGED IN ANY ILLEGAL OR UNETHICAL PRACTICES." TIME AND ATTENDANCE RECORDS OF CAMPBELL-S EMPLOYER BEING CHECKED TO DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS AT TIMES OF VARIOUS BOMBINGS AND THIS INFORMATION WILL BE FURNISHED AS SOON AS INFORMANT SECURES SAME ON FEBRUARY TWENTY NINTH NEXT.

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BEN L. ALLEN HAS ADVISED THAT AFTER ONE OF THE BOMBINGS OF NEGRO HOMES IN BIRMINGHAM HE AND LOCAL OFFICERS PICKED UP AND INTERVIEWED CAMPBELL IN DETAIL, ENDEAVORING TO IMPLICATE HIM IN SAME. ALLEN STATES THAT HE AT THAT TIME, AFTER CAMPBELL DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT, TOLD HIM THAT IF THERE WERE ANY ADDITIONAL BOMBINGS THEY WOULD IMMEDIATELY LOCK HIM UP. ALLEN RELATED THAT IT HAS BEEN INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO BOMBINGS IN BIRMINGHAM SINCE THIS OCCASION. ON FEBRUARY TWENTY SEVENTH BEN ALLEN TELEPHONED THE GOVERNOR-S INVESTIGATOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, J. J. ELLIOTT, TALLAHASSEE, REACHING HIM AT HIS CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, HOME, AND REQUESTED ELLIOTT TO MEET HIM IN NEAR FUTURE TO CHECK INFORMATION WITH HIM RE FLORIDA BOMBINGS. ELLIOTT INFORMED ALLEN THAT HE HAD NO RECORDS OF HIS INVESTIGATION, HAVING TURNED SAME OVER TO FBI, BUT THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET ALLEN IN TALLAHASSEE ON MONDAY, MARCH THIRD, AND WOULD ALSO REQUEST AN FBI AGENT TO MEET WITH HIM, TO WHICH ALLEN AGREED. ALLEN-S IDEA IN THIS MEETING IS TO CHECK FURTHER DETAILS WHICH MIGHT IMPLICATE CAMPBELL IN THE FLORIDA BOMBINGS. HE EXPECTS TO PROCEED TO TALLAHASSEE AND MEET ELLIOTT AT FOUR PM AT THE GOVERNOR-S OFFICE ON MARCH THIRD. MIAMI ADVISED PHOTOGRAPHS OF CAMPBELL BEING

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SECURED FROM MORGUE OF BIRMINGHAM NEWS AND WILL BE FORWARDED  
AMSD TO BOTH MIAMI AND MOBILE, TOGETHER WITH COPY OF MEMORANDUM  
OF INTERVIEW WITH ORIGINAL INFORMANT LAKE.

FOR INFORMATION OF MOBILE AND MIAMI, ANY CONTACT BY AGENTS WITH  
PERSONS OUTSIDE BUREAU SHOULD BE HANDLED IN SUCH MANNER TO  
PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY OF ALLEN KNOWING THAT INFORMANT LAKE HAD  
PREVIOUSLY VISITED BIRMINGHAM OFFICE PRIOR TO DATE OF HIS VISIT.  
DISCREET INQUIRIES CONTINUING BIRMINGHAM RE CAMPBELL.

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MOBILE AND MIAMI TO BE ADVISED

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CC - m Rosen

Assistant Attorney General  
James M. McInerney  
Director, FBI

February 27, 1952

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CLYDE CHILDS, VICTIM  
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During the investigation of the case entitled "Unknown Subjects, Harry T. Moore, et al, Victims, Civil Rights," the Miami Division learned of the following information which had not been previously reported to the Bureau.

On April 29, 1949, Clyde Childs, a white resident of Winter Garden, Florida, was taken out by six white men, his hands bound with wire, blindfolded, gagged, placed on his stomach, and beaten unconscious. At that time Childs was divorced and was visiting with Pauline Dudley, who in turn was divorced from Horace Dudley, reportedly a member of the Ku Klux Klan. Childs was told by the men that he was being taken for a ride because he was not taking care of his wife and children. He was admitted to a hospital and the records show Childs' condition as severe mental shock and body severely bruised on his back and buttock. He was told by the men that if he talked, he would be killed.

When Childs was released from the hospital he told Justice of Peace Tucker, also reportedly a member of the Ku Klux Klan, and asked for advice. Tucker furnished no advice, and Childs reports that Tucker took no action in the matter. Childs stated he did not make an immediate report to the Sheriff. However, in view of many threats, which he subsequently received, he saw the Sheriff, Dave Starr, some time later in an effort to obtain a permit to carry a gun to protect himself. At that time he told Starr the full details of the beating. Starr refused the gun permit and told Childs "Watch yourself." There is no indication that a report was made or any action taken by the Sheriff.

Since this incident occurred in April, 1949, and has not previously been reported to the Bureau, you are requested to advise whether you desire an investigation of this case. A prompt reply is desired.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_ *Note* - A check of the general indices of the Bureau fails to reflect any record of a previous Civil Rights case concerning this matter. A number of KKK Members at Winter Garden, Florida, are the best suspects in the Harry T. Moore Case, and inquiries will be made concerning this incident in an effort to determine whether it will aid in the solution of the Moore Case regardless of the Department's decision in answer to the above request.  
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CLYDE CHILDS, A WHITE WINTER GARDEN RESIDENT, TAKEN OUT ON APRIL

TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN FORTYNINE BY SIX WHITE MEN, HANDS BOUND WITH  
WIRE, BLIND-FOLDED, GAGGED, LAYED ON STOMACH AND BEATEN UNCONSCIOUS.

CHILDS AT TIME WAS DIVORCED AND WAS VISITING WITH PAULINE DUDLEY,  
WHO IN TURN WAS DIVORCED FROM HORACE DUDLEY, A KLAN MEMBER, AND  
ASSOCIATE OF SUSPECT SCHMITT. CHILDS TOLD BY MEN HE WAS BEING TAKEN  
FOR A RIDE BECAUSE HE WAS NOT TAKING CARE OF HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN.  
HE WAS ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL AND RECORDS SHOW CONDITION AS SEVERE  
MENTAL SHOCK AND BODY SEVERELY BRUISED ON BACK AND BUTTOCK. TOLD BY  
MEN IF HE TALKED HE WOULD BE KILLED. WHEN RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL HE  
TOLD JUSTICE OF PEACE TUCKER, ALSO A KLAN MEMBER, AND ASKED FOR ADVICE.  
RECEIVED NO ADVICE AND TUCKER AS COUNTY OFFICER TOOK NO ACTION.

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CHILDS DID NOT MAKE IMMEDIATE REPORT TO THE SHERIFF, HOWEVER, IN  
VIEW OF MANY THREATS RECEIVED, SAW SHERIFF DAVE STARR SOME TIME LATER  
IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN GUN PERMIT TO CARRY A GUN TO PROTECT HIMSELF,  
AND AT TIME TOLD SHERIFF STARR DETAILS OF BEATING. SHERIFF REFUSED

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PERMIT AND TOLD CHILDS QUOTE TO WATCH YOURSELF UNQUOTE. NO REPORT MADE AND NO ACTION TAKEN BY SHERIFF. AVAILABLE PHOTOS, KLAN MEMBERS KNOWN, SHOWN CHILDS NEGATIVELY. CHILDS DEFINITELY CLAIMS IF CONFRONTED WITH ASSAILANTS, HE WOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY TWO OF THEM BY APPEARANCE AND VOICE AND WOULD PROSECUTE. SEVERAL OTHER ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE ON CHILDS SINCE FIRST BEATING. KLAN MEMBERS WINTER GARDEN AREA CONSIDERABLY UPSET BY BUREAU-S INVESTIGATION AND CI  
 SAYS MOST MEMBERS WILL NOT ATTEND MEETINGS BECAUSE THEY FEEL THEY ARE BEING SURVEILLED BY AGENTS.

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UNSUBS. HARRY T. MOORE, ET AL. VICTIMS CR. TIME AND ATTENDANCE RECORDS FOR TENNESSEE COAL AND IRON COMPANY, BIRMINGHAM, WOULD TEND TO ELIMINATE SUSPECT E. E. CAMPBELL SINCE HE WAS WORKING AT TIME OF VARIOUS EXPLOSIONS IN FLORIDA OR AT SUCH HOURS ON DATES OF EXPLOSIONS THAT HE COULD NOT HAVE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN BOMBING AS ALLEGED. BIRMINGHAM VERIFY BY INTERVIEWS WITH FELLOW EMPLOYEES AND SUPERVISOR WHETHER CAMPBELL ACTUALLY WORKED AS INDICATED, PARTICULARLY FROM ELEVEN P.M. DECEMBER TWENTY FIVE TO SEVEN P. M. DECEMBER TWENTY SIX. ALSO DETERMINE CAMPBELL'S ACTIVITIES DURING DAY OF DECEMBER TWENTY FIVE. BIRMINGHAM EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED MIAMI TEL MARCH FIVE RE AIRPLANE OWNED BY CAMPBELL. BIRMINGHAM AND MIAMI SHOULD VIGOROUSLY PRESS INVESTIGATION RE THIS SUSPECT AND KEEP BUREAU CURRENTLY AND FULLY ADVISED.

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UNSUBS, HARRY T. MOORE, HARRIETT MOORE, VICTIMS, DECEASED, CR. RE  
 BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MARCH FOUR, LAST. INQUIRY TITUSVILLE  
 AIRPORT DISCLOSES MANAGER B. J. GRAVES THERE CHRISTMAS DAY EXCEPT  
 FOR PERIOD TWO PM TO FIVE PM. STATES NO PLANES LANDED OR TOOK OFF  
WHILE HE WAS THERE. ALVIN J. HIGGINBOTHAM, DIRECTOR OF MOSQUITO  
 CONTROL, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA MAY HAVE BEEN AT AIRPORT DURING  
GRAVES ABSENCE. HIGGINBOTHAM NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL  
LATTER PART THIS WEEK. INQUIRY AT LANDING STRIP ALLENHURST, FLORIDA,  
FIFTEEN MILES FROM TITUSVILLE REVEALS A LIGHT PLANE, POSSIBLY AN  
ARONICA CHAMP, YELLOW AND RED IN COLOR, WITH TWO MALE PASSENGERS  
LANDED THERE APPROXIMATELY ONE PM CHRISTMAS DAY, OCCUPANTS REMAINED  
AT ALLENHURST ABOUT ONE HOUR, ATE LUNCH AND TOOK OFF STATING THEY  
 WERE HEADING FOR CAROLINAS. ACTUALLY SEEN HEADING SOUTH. NO RECORDS  
MAINTAINED EITHER AIRPORT. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE PLANE NEEDED  
FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. BIRMINGHAM ASCERTAIN IF SUSPECT CAMPBELL

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OWNS A PLANE. IF SO, FURNISH MIAMI COMPLETE DESCRIPTION, IDENTIFICA-  
TION DATA AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPH OF PLANE AND SUSPECT CAMPBELL, IF  
OBTAINABLE, ALSO DETERMINE IF PLANE LEFT AIRPORT DECEMBER TWENTYFIFTH  
AND IF FLIGHT PLANS FILED WITH CAA, FORWARDING SAME TO RA ORLANDO,  
FLORIDA, PO BOX THREE TWO TWO THREE, AMSD, CC MIAMI. EXPEDITE. SUTEL.

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